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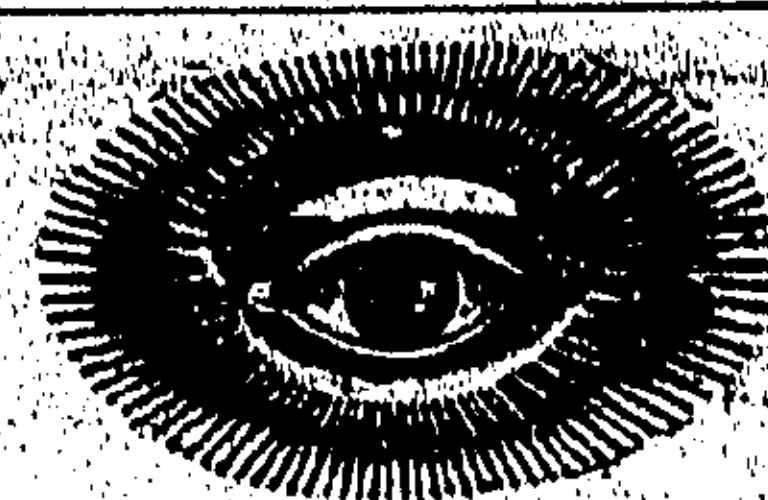
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POINTS FOR MR. CHEN.

Foreign Secretary's Important Statement.

RIGHTS WE RESERVE.

Troops To Be Used To Protect British Lives.

SECURITY FOR SHANGHAI.

Freedom to Negotiate With Other De Facto Authorities.

Several vital points in Britain's policy towards China were mentioned by the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, Sir Austen Chamberlain, in the course of an important statement made in the House of Commons yesterday.

Sir Austen Chamberlain said he had instructed Mr. O. St. C. O'Malley, the British Legation representative at Hankow, to make these points clear to Mr. Eugene Chen, the Nationalist Foreign Minister.

The most important of these points is that the British Government reserves its full right to dispose of its troops as may be necessary for the protection of British life in Shanghai.

Another point is that the British Government will not bind itself to refuse to enter into negotiations with officials in other parts of China where such officials actually exercise de facto authority.

HANKOW TERMS.

Foreign Secretary's Important Statement.

London, Feb. 21.

In the House of Commons in response to a request from Mr. J. R. Clynes (Labour) for a statement with regard to the signing of the Hankow agreement, Sir Austen Chamberlain said that a telegram received from Mr. O'Malley dated Feb. 20 reported the signature on the evening of Feb. 19 of the agreement with regard to the Hankow Concession.

Sir Austen Chamberlain read the terms of the agreement precisely as given in the Reuter telegram. He added that at the moment of signature certain declarations were made arising from the negotiations.

Mr. O'Malley informed Mr. Chen that the British authorities concerned would do all in their power to implement and ensure the successful operation of the agreement and as far as the British authorities were concerned, Chinese citizens would enjoy, and

HANKOW PLEASSED.

The Agreement a Hopeful Augury.

Hankow, Feb. 20.

The Chen and O'Malley agreement says that the Concession is to be returned to the British Municipal Council, who on March 15 will formally hand it over to the Chinese Municipal Council, on which there will be British representation.

The announcement that the agreement has at last been signed has been received with the greatest satisfaction in Hankow.

All through the negotiations it was felt that the British Government's declared policy of patient conciliation was being put to a severe practical test, and the successful result of the conversations which have taken place during the last five weeks is taken as a hopeful augury for the future.—Reuter.

be entitled to the same rights as British subjects in the British Concession area.

Mr. Chen replied that the Chinese authorities likewise would do their utmost to implement and ensure the successful operation of the agreement, and as far as they were concerned there would be no discrimination against British interests in the administration of the new district.—Reuter.

Free Hand.

Sir Austen Chamberlain also read Mr. Chen's declaration of the Nationalist Government's policy with regard to the Concessions and International Settlements as already cabled.

YANGTZE POSITION UNCHANGED.

There were no wireless messages from the North received by the local naval authorities this morning, the situation on the Yangtze presumably remaining the same.

AMOY STRIKE.

Hong Kong Trade Not Affected.

AGITATORS SEEK SYMPATHY.

Reports were current this morning of a "general" strike having commenced at Amoy but on inquiry from the best informed sources the "China Mail" learned that such was not the case, although business was slightly hindered by economic dispute.

Amoy is the port of southern Fukien, the province recently captured by the Nationalists. In their march northwards, the Cantonese forces went to the interior of Amoy, leaving that port alone, on their way to capture Foochow, the provincial capital.

Unique Position.

Previous expeditions, local or non-local, have always studiously avoided Amoy. This is attributed by military experts to the natural situation of Amoy, rendering it also impregnable to assault from land without violating the foreign concession.

Be that as it may, southern agitators have made their influence felt at that port, especially after the trouble missionaries underwent at Foochow.

Not Connected With Shanghai Cargo-boats which work merchandise in Amoy—both incoming and outgoing—for all kinds of shipping, are divided in two categories. Hong, business houses, etc., have their own boats, known generally as private lighters. The other kind of the "tramp" nature seeking hire in the port are known as public lighters.

The crews of the public lighters (in reality, junks) are idle but their strike is due directly to a demand for increased rates and there is no trace of the stoppage being even indirectly connected with events at Shanghai or elsewhere.

Big Cargo From Hong Kong. At the moment, the preponderance of private lighters has prevented the trouble spreading. Ocean-going or coastal vessels are still being discharged by the not-for-hire cargo-boats, and there is little or no delay.

One good omen of the times is that the Douglas Co.'s "Haining" is taking up a big cargo from Hong Kong this trip for Amoy. The only disquieting feature is the rumour that professional agitators are at work, endeavouring to bring out other workers in sympathy with the movement elsewhere.

Mr. E. T. Campbell suggested that the congratulations of Parliament should be cabled to Mr. O'Malley.

Sir Austen Chamberlain said that he had already expressed to Mr. O'Malley and Sir Lampson his sense of the ability with which they had conducted very difficult negotiations, and had renewed to both the assurance of his and the Government's confidence in them.

Mr. E. Thurtle (Labour) asked the Government to consider the possibility, in view of the critical situation at Shanghai, of suggesting to the other foreign Governments that they appoint persons with plenary powers to consider there what steps might be taken in the event of certain emergencies arising.

Sir Austen Chamberlain replied: "I think the less said about eventualities which I hope will not arise the better." (Cheers).—Reuter.

ILLEGAL SOCIETY.

The Kuomintang In Malaya.

London, Feb. 21.

In the House of Commons, replying to Comdr. Kenworthy with regard to the declaration that the Kuomintang Party in the Malay States was an illegal society, Mr. L. M. S. Amery, Secretary for Colonies, said that the policy of the Malayan Government, in which they were fully supported by His Majesty's Government, was to refuse registration to all foreign political societies, and the Kuomintang came within that category.

Congratulations.

Replying to Mr. Looker (formerly of Hong Kong), Sir Austen Chamberlain said that the settlement of the Kuomintang Concession would follow the lines of the settlement with regard to Hankow.

MARINES PARADE.

Another Impressive March.

TO-DAY'S FINE TURN-OUT.

In charge of Major (R.M.) F. A. Hamer, Squadron Royal Marine Officer from H.M.S. "Frobisher," and headed by the Marine band of H.M.S. "Frobisher," 300 Marines from the 1st Cruiser Squadron marched through the City to-day in full marching order.

The route lay by way of Queen's Road, Wyndham Street and Hollywood Road through Chinatown and back through Connaught Road to the Cenotaph where the contingent (comprised of four platoons) formed up smartly. Rear-Admiral Boyle, of the 1st Cruiser Squadron took the salute.

The progress of the march and the final salute attracted crowds which were much impressed by the smart appearance and bearing of the Marines.

STRETCHER BEDS REQUIRED.

To be delivered by March 15, 9,500 stretcher beds are required by the local military authorities.

It is hardly a State secret to say that these beds are needed for the troops from Home, coming here to form the Shanghai Defence Force. This, however, is only an assumption.

An advertisement appears, on page 8 of this issue asking for tenders which should be sent to the Deputy Assistant Director of Ordnance Services, South China Command. Tenders close at noon on Friday.

PUNJABIS IN SHANGHAI.

A Naval Route March Arranged.

Shanghai, Feb. 17.

The transport "Sirdhana" conveying two battalions of the Punjab Regiment, which had been delayed by fog, arrived in Shanghai yesterday. This brings the Jhansi (20th Indian) Brigade up to a strength of four battalions.

Another transport is due to-day—the "Rhona"—bringing with it a field hospital.

Meanwhile work is proceeding with incredible rapidity for the accommodation of an additional 3,500 men in Yangtzepoo with lines for 1,200 animals.

A naval route march will take place to-day. Admiral Tyrwhitt is expected to take the salute at the Race Club about 11 a.m.

The New Battalions.

The transport "Sirdhana," which arrived off Woosung from Hong Kong on Tuesday, but which was forced to remain there on account of the fog in the river, came up-stream yesterday morning and after turning in the river docked at the Old Ningpo Wharf. The "Sirdhana" is carrying the 4th Battalion of the 1st Punjab Regiment and the 3rd Battalion of the 14th Punjab Regiment.

The number of men carried on the "Sirdhana" is between 1,600 and 1,700. These, as far as was known yesterday, will be landed to-morrow morning when they will be escorted to their billets in Yangtzepoo (probably in the Waterworks and at Messrs. Moutrie's factory), together with their equipment. The billets are now being prepared for them.

Early yesterday afternoon a part of the contingent disembarked and did a route-march of about two miles up Broadway and back by Seward Road, after which they again boarded the transport. Another short route march will probably be made to-day.

LOCAL WEATHER FORECAST.

"N.E. winds, fresh; sea" is the forecast for the twenty-four hours ending at noon to-morrow. Pressure has decreased considerably over the Bonins and slightly over N.E. Japan.

The depression has deepened and is now central near the Bonins.

The anticyclone over China has strengthened moderately.

AVIATION VENTURES.

St. Vincent, Cape Verde, Feb. 21. The Italian aviator, the Marquis de Pinedo, who is flying to Brazil, left Porto Praia at eleven o'clock last night for Porto Sao Martinho, Brazil.

Alicante, Feb. 21. The Uruguayan aviator, Larra, who is attempting to fly from Spain to South America, has arrived here.—Reuter.

BOOTS AS CLUE.

How Alleged Robber Was Caught.

"COULDN'T GET UP."

A pair of boots which it was suggested one of the robbers had taken off to render his attack on a woman victim the more silent figured in a Criminal Sessions case, before Mr. J. H. B. Nihill this morning.

The woman in question was a tea-house waitress and on January 18 she noticed at the tea-shop a group of men. Returning home from the shop (in Canton Road) about 10.15 p.m. she had reached a lane leading from Ashley Road to Haiphong Road, the route she usually took, when one of the group of men she had noticed in the shop suddenly appeared and seized her by the neck. Two other men appeared; the woman was thrown to the ground and her wrist watch and wrist band stolen.

The men having run away, the woman pursued one of them into a nearby lane, blowing a police whistle. P. S. Ellis, who was on duty in the neighbourhood, rushed to the scene and arrested the man.

This was the man whom the woman in question recognised among the group at the tea house. She had no doubts as to recognition, she stated, as he was often in the tea-house where she was employed.

Returning to the scene of the robbery the police found a pair of boots lying to one side of the lane. Acting on information they went to a house in Wai Ching Street where they found a man in bed. They searched the bed and found the band of the stolen wrist watch. Told to get up and accompany the Police the man replied that he could not as he had lost his boots!

The watch itself was subsequently found in a pawnshop, a woman having pawned it on the instructions of the man who was arrested in Wai Ching Street.

The two arrested men were those brought before the Criminal Sessions this morning, their plea being "not guilty."

A jury was empanelled for their trial.

Mr. T. S. Whyte Smith prosecuted for the Crown. Statements by the two men were read. The first admitted having been on the scene of the robbery but stated that he was a spectator.

The second admitted having had the watch and band in his possession and that he told a woman to pawn the watch. He said that he was told by another man to go to the scene of the robbery.

The case is proceeding.

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In accordance with the scheme for raising funds for this purpose a box is being placed in the porch of St. Peter's Church marked "Chaplain's Fund" and it is hoped that members and occasional visitors will make a voluntary weekly envelope contribution.

SHIPS "DRESSED."

In honour of the birthday of George Washington, all naval vessels in harbour to-day "dressed" ship, the British ships flying the Stars and Stripes at the mast.

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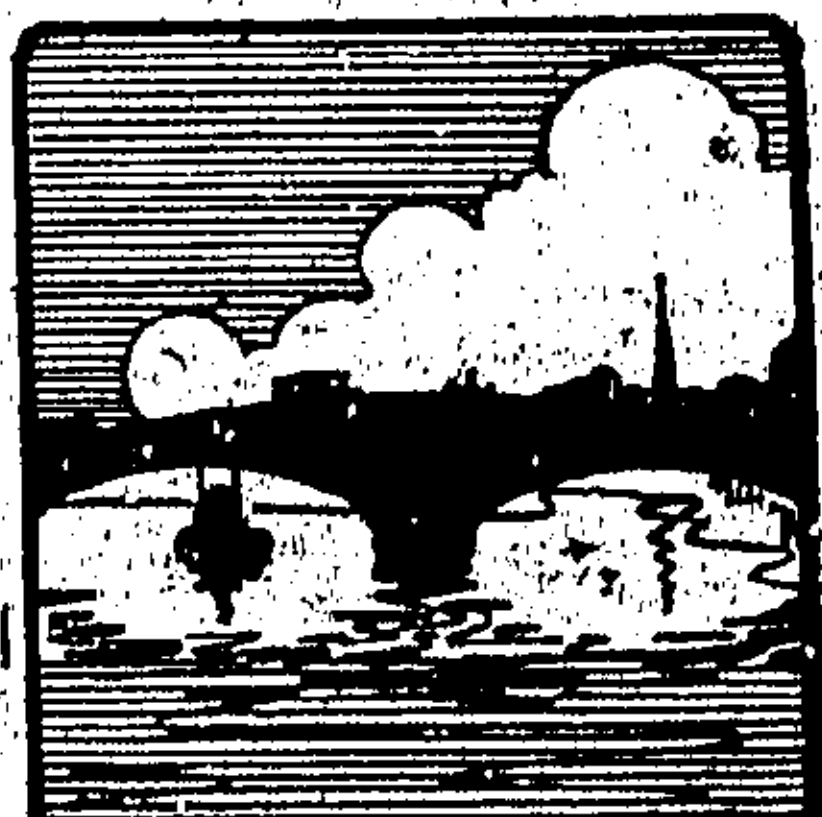
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In regard to the new system of ship propulsion developed by Signor De Meo, an Italian, which is to be applied to the two ships to be built for the Naples-New York service.

FIERCE STORM.

Huge Damage on Atlantic Seaboard.

New York, Feb. 21.

Gales accompanied by very high tides caused considerable damage on the New Jersey and New England coast. A Coast-guard patrol boat was wrecked off Provincetown and the entire crew of nine lost—Reuter's American Service.

Over a score are dead and \$3,000,000 worth of damage has been done in a terrific storm on the Atlantic coast. The wind blew at eighty miles an hour and the sea was lashed into a fury of mountainous waves.

An extraordinary high tide created havoc on the seaboard. Hundreds aboard the small craft in the bays and harbours near here were rescued at the greatest peril of the rescuers.

Many low-lying suburbs, such as Staten Island, were flooded and the traffic in Long Island Sound is completely disorganised.—Reuter's American Service.

vice, and which, it is claimed, will attain a speed of forty knots, the "New York Journal of Commerce" states:—

"The proposed high speed is to be achieved through the use of a new type of propellers, which are to be placed either amidships or in two or more indentations on either side of the hull, instead of at the stern alone. It is not indicated whether the stern propellers will be discarded. The form of propulsion also is kept secret, but it is understood that it will be either turbo-electric or Diesel.

"It has not been possible to learn whether the new propulsion system has been tried out on ship models, but it is known that naval engineers have been called into consultation in regard to the project for construction of the two vessels mentioned. There has been no hint as to whether the plans for their construction have been completed or when they are likely to be put in service.

American Aid.

"American naval architects have been consulted in regard to the application of the new system. It is also stated that a leading American electrical corporation has been co-operating with the inventor of the new system with a view to combining the De Meo propellers with turbo-electric drive. The economy and flexibility of the latter has been demonstrated conclusively in the United States Navy, and it has been adopted for the new 20,000-ton ship being built by the International Mercantile Marine Company for its Panama-Pacific service and two sister ships to be built later.

"The active interest in the De Meo invention of the electric concern mentioned is taken by shipping men as an indication that the Diesel engine is to have active competition in the territory where it has made its most notable progress. Advocates of the turbo-electric drive and of the use of superheat and high-pressure steam claim that these forms of ship propulsion have the great advantage over the Diesel drive of lower initial cost, lesser weight per unit and greater simplicity of operation."

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Until the permanent headquarters are ready, meetings of the court are held, by the kind permission of the Elder Brethren, at Trinity House, and for this special meeting the library at that historic building was placed at the disposal of the court. The ultimate headquarters will be in Lloyd's new building.

A Wide Scope.
In addressing the members prior to the ceremony, the Deputy-Master said:—

The first item on the agenda of the court to-day is the simple and impressive ceremony of admittance, by members of the Company, which is a completion of their membership. May I, therefore, on behalf of the court, bid you welcome; and may I also take the opportunity to say a few words about the Company, in order that I may make quite clear to those who have not the opportunity to be as closely in touch as my colleagues and myself, the high purpose, the public spirit, and the unselfish motive which has actuated the founders of the Company.

The power for ultimate good, and the usefulness of this company in regard to the maritime affairs of this country—both as to the nation, the shipowner and the seaman—is very great indeed, but its scope is too wide for me to contemplate now. The motive which has mainly actuated the founders has been the desire that the British Merchant Service, as a service, should be enabled to take its rightful place in the National and Imperial life, and we have considered that the only corporate body which can appropriately enshrine our ancient and honourable sea tradition, and appear and speak with authority and dignity for the service, both at the Court of St. James, and at the great official and public occasions of the year, is such a body as your Company, composed of officers who are masters of seafair.

I hold the position of Deputy-Master of this Company—with great diffidence in the presence of men the majority of whom have a far wider experience—but it has been given to me to be able to contribute to the work, and it is the greatest thing in my life.

An Anomaly.

During the impressionable years of my youth at sea, I imbibed a profound admiration for the Merchant Service officer—I think of the service he gave to his ship and his owner. In spite of conditions as to pay, food and comfort which to-day seem incredible, there remains vividly in my memory the simple unquestioning sense of duty; the pride in work well done; the contriving and striving to eke out stores; to make good passages; to carry good cargoes, and to keep the ship smart and efficient as if she were their own.

And withal there has always been with me the anomaly that the officers of this service has never taken the high place among his fellows to which he is entitled. Not that he could not. The British Merchant Service officer should stand alongside of the officers of any service in the world—not that there is anybody who would object to his doing so—the whole nation would welcome the opportunity of meeting the Merchant Service officer as they meet the members of other professions and services in their public life—but that owing to the very nature of his calling the opportunity has not hitherto been provided. And I have always had the determination that if I could do anything to remove that anomaly I would do so.

And here to-day you are meeting in the library of this historic building by the kindness of the Elder Brethren of Trinity House, and you are invited to hold your court at this building with each

time as you have your own Court Room in Lloyd's Building. "The Company of Master Mariners" could not well have a more fitting setting than in these ancient maritime institutions of Great Britain.

A High Tribute.

No men are more intimately with the master mariners than the Elder Brethren of Trinity House, who are themselves seamen, or the chairman and committee of Lloyd's, who are dependent on seamen. No men understand us or know us so well, and I take it as a high tribute that they should be the first to extend to this Company the hand of friendship.

And why is it? It is because this Company and its objects appeal to these two great institutions as good objects. It is because they see in membership of the Company a group of the most distinguished seamen in the world—which in itself is a guarantee of high purpose—and it is because they see that foundation and constitution of the Company is sound in principle.

It is these reasons that have drawn from the King, the Prince of Wales, the Prime Minister, the First Sea Lord, the ship-owners, the bankers, from our brother seamen, from the Press, and from everybody who has been brought into touch, enthusiastic encouragement—and I say to you that we have in our hands the material and the opportunity to bring this task to which we have set our hands to such a condition of completion that as time passes we will be able to hand it on to those who follow in the full confidence that it will come to be one of the foremost institutions of its kind in the world, and worthy of the great British service to which it is dedicated.

No Spirit of Self-seeking.

To achieve the success that is within our reach we must be wise in our administration, we must build with the greatest care and thoroughness, we must not fall for the temptation of going too fast. For all this we must draw into executive the best administrators—there will be no spirit of self-seeking, or self-consideration, our joint effort must be for the company. And the greatest strength we can have is the spirit of service in the individual, humility, but with a sense of the high office I hold, to charge most solemnly every member now present to take upon himself as a high personal duty the building of this company.

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BETINES.—On February 16, 1927,
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pital on February 21, to Mr. &
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daughter.

MARRIAGE.

LEFEBVRE—PAPE.—On February
12, 1927, at Shanghai, Hugh,
youngest son of the late Rev.
P. Horton Lefebvre, Senior
Chaplain, Bombay Residency,
and Mrs. Lefebvre, of Jersey,
"Channel" Islands, to Elsie
Katherine, youngest daughter
of Mr. and Mrs. John Pape, of
Kings Lynn, Norfolk, England.

DEATHS.

BREMNER.—On February 16, 1927,
at Cheyne Walk, Chelsea, Lon-
don, Elizabeth Martha, wife
of the late Allan Seton
Bremner.

MRS. HU.—On January 14, 1927,
at Shanghai, Mrs. Y. F. Hu,
mother of T. L. and Wm. Hu,
aged 61.

ROBERTSON.—On February 15,
1927, at Shanghai, Robert
Gardner Robertson, (Morning-
side, Kilmarnock, Scotland)
aged 80 years.

Hong Kong, Tuesday, Feb. 22, 1927.

NOTHING TO HIDE.

From the outset of the present
trouble in China there has been
nothing to hide in regard to
British policy. Its very simplic-
ity makes its own appeal—or
ought to were there no such thing
as Moscow influence in China to-
day. In any event, the best pos-
sible way to counter that in-
fluence is to circulate versions in
the vernacular right throughout
the country. Experience here in
Hong Kong has shown that while
even educated Chinese with
knowledge of English discarded or
discount British reports of Chin-
ese events they are always ex-
tremely credulous, and will as

gullible, unfortunately, on perus-
ing articles in the vernacular
Press.

In the House of Commons yester-
day Sir Austen Chamberlain,
Secretary of State for Foreign
Affairs, stated that Chinese
translations of the British Mem-
orandum which had been handed
to the representatives of the
Powers in Peking in December,
and also of the Treaty revision
proposals, had been made for the
purpose of circulating them right
throughout China. That is an
eminently sensible step to take.

The best form of propaganda is
surely that which appeals to the
reader in his own language. A
hundred reports in English may
fail in the purpose of convincing
a single Chinese. One statement
in the vernacular may bring
home to him the bona fides of the
case presented. Let the average
Chinese be given the opportunity
of seeing in Chinese characters
that British policy comprises
nothing more or less than peace-
ful trading and protection for
British subjects, and the battle
for the British case will be more
than half won so far as the in-
dividual is concerned. And it is
the individual that makes up the
mass.

It is apparent, however, that
British propaganda should not
be confined to the Chinese. Like
charity, propaganda should be-
gin at home. This is illustrated
by the question in the House of
Commons by a Labour member
who desired to know whether the
procedure adopted in respect of
Hankow would be followed in
Shanghai. The motive in asking
such a question may have been
perfectly innocent, but, if so, that
only serves to show the ignor-
ance at home regarding Chinese
affairs even among members of
Parliament who have infinite
sources of information not avail-
able to their constituents. Un-
fortunately questions asked pub-
licly, whether through innocence
or ignorance, are liable to create
false impressions both at home
and abroad. Therefore, to sum
up, there is quite as much need
for propaganda throughout Great
Britain as there is in the heart
of China.

K.R.A. Activities.
A masterly presentation of the
aims and policy of the Kowloon
Residents' Association was sub-
mitted by the Chairman (the
Rev. J. Horace Johnston) at the
annual meeting last night. It is
far removed from the spirit of
the Irishman, who, on being
asked, "What are you doing?"
replied, "I am doing nothing, but
I am waiting for the day when
I can do something."

foreign shore, asked if there was
a Government there, for, if
there was, he was "again" it!
The K.R.A. does not exist merely
to harass the Government with
vexatious demands or complaints,
but to indicate fairly and reason-
ably wherein and whereby it
might, in the judgment of the
Association, more effectively
serve the public interest. As an-
other member put it, it is not
sufficient just to criticise the
P.W.D. and the Government; it
ought to stand up for them and
help them and advise them be-
cause sometimes they saw things
from a different angle. A
moderate policy of this nature
cannot but be welcomed by the
Government; it is a policy that
invites co-operation and co-
ordination in everything pertain-
ing to the betterment of Kow-
loon. And both the Government
and the various utility companies
have never been slow in availing
themselves of such an opportu-
nity for consultation with the
K.R.A. The net result is re-
flected in the great im-
provements that have been
effected in Kowloon in the
past and in the promise of still
more improvements in the future.
That is distinct encouragement
for the K.R.A. to go on in the
way it is going and it is an in-
centive for many more residents
of the Peninsula becoming mem-
bers of a body that has done and
is doing so much in their
interests.

ROBBERS SENTENCED**GIN DRINKERS' BAY 'BATTLE'****SEQUEL.****SUB-INSPECTION ANDREW'S PRAISED.**

The four men charged at the
Criminal Sessions with complicity
in "the battle of Gin Drinkers'
Bay" as it has come to be known
(when a party of police ambushed
a band of robbers who had landed
at the Wah Loon distillery for
the purpose of kidnapping the
proprietor) were found guilty by
the jury yesterday afternoon.

Mr. Justice Wood (acting
Chief Justice) sentenced each to
three years' hard labour on the
various counts, the sentences to
run concurrently.

The man in whose possession
was found a dagger was sentenced
to an additional two years' hard
labour, making five in all.

After passing sentence, Mr.
Justice Wood called Sub-Inspector
Andrews to the witness box and
said "I know full well that all
the members of the Hong Kong
Police Force are accustomed to
accepting work such as in this
case, as part of the ordinary
routine but you will allow me to
congratulate you and all the
officers with you who took part in
this matter for the way you faced
up to great personal risk with
credit to yourselves and to the
Police Force of the Colony."

The jury also associated them-
selves with His Lordship's re-
marks.

"ALL TOO COMMON."**JUDGE AND LOCAL HIGHWAY****ROBBERIES.****"MAN WITH A MASK."**

The "man with a mask," a hair-
ed lip and a gold tooth" was con-
victed at the Criminal Sessions
yesterday before Mr. J. H. B.
Nihil with having robbed a pork
butcher on the highway between
Tsau Wan and Taiipo and robbed
him of \$18 after a chase.

In sentencing the prisoner, the
Judge said that he had been con-
victed of a crime which was be-
coming all too common in the
Colony, that of waylaying peace-
ful men. But for the fact that
the defendant had been certified
unfit he would have been inclined
to have him flogged.

CHAUFFEUR ACQUITTED.

The case against a Chinese chauff-
eur, charged before Mr. W.
Schofield with manslaughter, was
concluded at the Central Magis-
tracy yesterday afternoon, when
his Worship found that there was
insufficient evidence upon which to
register a conviction.

Inspector Alexander appeared for
the Police, and Mr. C. A. S. Russ
defended the accused.

Mr. Russ submitted that his
client had no case to answer. The
prosecution had called no evidence
to show that the chauffeur was
driving negligently on the night of
the accident. His client had done
the best thing possible in view of
the circumstances, i.e. he had gone
straight to the Police.

His Worship accordingly dis-
charged the defendant.

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DISARMAMENT.**Italy Declines With
Regret.****PARTIAL MEASURES IMPOSSIBLE.**

Rome, Feb. 21.
An Italian note to the United
States regretfully declines Presi-
dent Coolidge's invitation to a dis-
armament conference and em-
phasises as regards the European
continent there exists an undeniable
interdependence between every kind
of armament of every single Power,
wherefore it is impossible to adopt
measures of a partial nature be-
tween only five great naval Powers.
The Note expresses the opinion
that limitation of armaments to be
effective must be universal and
points out that the example shown
at Washington was not followed by
the minor naval Powers. Finally
Italy cannot without grave risks
expose herself to a limitation of
naval armaments which are already
insufficient for her defensive needs.
—Reuter.

COUNCIL MEETING.**ACCIDENTS IN FACTORIES:
NEW BILL.****ITEMS ON THE AGENDA.**

Included in "Orders of the Day"
on the agenda of the Legislative
Council Meeting at 2.30 p.m. this
Friday are the following bills to
be moved by the Attorney
General:—

Second reading of the Bill in-
titled An Ordinance to amend
the Interpretation Ordinance,
1911.

Second reading of the Bill in-
titled An Ordinance to amend
the Promissory Oaths Ordinance,
1869.

First reading of a Bill intitled
an Ordinance to provide against
accidents in factories.

Interpretation Bill.
It is proposed to add the follow-
ing section to the Interpretation
Bill in Committee:—

5. Section 40 of the Inter-
pretation Ordinance, 1911, is amend-
ed by the deletion of the word
"orders" in the third line of sub-
section (2) and by the repeal of
sub-section (4).

Note.—Sub-section (4) of sec-
tion 40 of the Interpretation
Ordinance, 1911, reads as fol-
lows:—

(4) The same rule shall apply
to any order made by the
Governor or the Governor in
Council, and to any order,
warrant, scheme, letters patent, or
other instrument, made or issued
under the provisions of any
Ordinance: Provided that they
shall not apply to banishment or
deportation orders.

To Avoid Doubt.

The sub-section has frequently
caused difficulty and embarrass-
ment, as it throws doubt upon
the operation of orders made under
Ordinances, which are not in fact
gazetted. Some orders made under
Ordinances are obviously not of the
kind that call for gazetting. Many
of them are essentially particular,
e.g., an order under section 5 of
Ordinance No. 5 of 1870, for re-
funding a particular fee, or an or-
der for compensation, under section
54 of Ordinance No. 1 of 1908, in
respect of particular slaughtered
cattle. The sub-section, also, if
read literally, appears to make the
operation of a magistrate's warrant
depend on its being gazetted, which
would be absurd. Further, it tends
to throw doubt on the power to
rescind a deportation order. For
these reasons it is proposed to re-
peal the sub-section. For similar
reasons it is proposed to delete the
word "orders" in sub-section (2).
It need hardly be said that all or-
ders, made under Ordinances,
which are in the nature of general
legislation will continue to be
gazetted as heretofore.

COLONY'S HEALTH.**NOTIFIABLE DISEASE LAST
WEEK.**

Notifiable disease in the Colony
last week, as reported to the Med-
ical Officer of Health, were as
follow:—

11 small-pox: 5 from city, 6 Kow-
loon (all Chinese, 1 imported)—
7 deaths.
4 diphtheria: 1 from city, 3 Kow-
loon (2 British imported, 2 Chinese)
—1 death.
7 enteric fever (typhoid): 5 from
city, 2 Kowloon (1 British, 1 British
imported, 2 Indian imported, 2 Chi-
nese imported, 1 Japanese)—2
deaths.

FOOTBALL GROUND INCIDENT.

An altercation following the foot-
ball match at King's Park on Sat-
urday afternoon led to the appear-
ance of a young Chinese in Mr.
Schofield's Court at the Central
Magistracy yesterday afternoon on
a charge of stone-throwing.

Defendant, who denied the
charge, said that he was carrying a
football at the time of the incident.
The ball was knocked out of his
hands by the crowd, and while
bending to retrieve the ball, he was
arrested and accused of stone-
throwing.

His Worship said that he was
more inclined to believe the story
of the Police, and imposed a fine
of \$25.

NICK OF TIME.**Returned As Safe Was
Opened.****FOKI'S PLUCKY ACT.**

How an attempt to rifle the
safe of the Yee On Company, of
Des Voeux Road West, was frus-
trated in the nick of time
by the return of a foki whose
suspicions had been aroused at a
trick to get him away from the
premises was detailed before Mr.
Justice Wood (acting Chief
Justice) at the Criminal Sessions
this morning.

A Chinese was charged with
robbery of a bunch of keys and
with assault with intent to rob.

On January 28 the accountant
and a foki were in charge of the
firm's premises when the accused,
it was stated, came in with a tale
of a clansman of the foki's hav-
ing received injuries in a squab-
ble at a tea-house.

The foki having left to investi-
gate, the prisoner also left but
returned later with a note to the
accountant. This was illegible,
and the suspicions of the account-
ant had just been aroused when
two other men entered the shop
and the prisoner produced a file
or something like it from his
pocket, threatening the account-
ant with it. The three men, all
of whom were armed with
knives, then proceeded to gag the
accountant and closed the
premises.

They had just produced a
bunch of keys from his person
and had begun to open the safe
when the foki, whose suspicions
had been aroused at the message
which he had found to be false,
returned to the shop and began
to bang on the closed door.

The robbers were startled and
immediately made a bolt for it,
threatening the foki as they ran.
The foki blew a whistle, a watch-
man and others took up the chase
and the prisoner was eventually
arrested in Water street. In his
coat was found the bunch of
keys.

Prisoner made a rambling
statement saying that he was told
to go to the shop and the knife,
in the shape of a file, he found
outside.

The case was tried before a
jury, Mr. H. K. Holmes prosecut-
ing for the Crown.

ORIENTAL STUDENT.**AMERICAN PROFESSOR
VISITS CANTON.****LEAVES FOR AMOY.**

A recent visitor to the Colony,
studying Oriental problems from
the educational point of view, was
Professor W. H. Kilpatrick, of
Columbia University, who after a
tour of India, made a brief stay
here, visited Canton and left this
morning for Amoy.

Dr. Kilpatrick, who specialises
in the philosophy of education, is
engaged in what is known in the
States as a "Sabbatical" tour.
Every seventh year, Professors
and Ministers in the States are
given a year's holiday and Dr.
Kilpatrick devoted his to the
study of things Oriental.

Whilst in Canton (last week-
end) Dr. Kilpatrick was given a
luncheon by the Committee of
Chungshan University and a tele-
gram was sent from Canton by
the Provincial Government to the
Central Government of Wuhan ap-
prising the educational authorities
there of the approach of this
American visitor.

A welcome has been planned
for him by the educational auth-
orities at Amoy.

TWO COTTON MILLS.**FORTHCOMING SHANGHAI
DIVIDENDS.**

Messrs. Jardine, Matheson &
Co., Ltd., general managers of the
Ewo Cotton Mills, Ltd., inform
us that at a meeting of the con-
sulting committee of the com-
pany held yesterday, it was decid-
ed to recommend shareholders to
declare a dividend on preference
shares at the rate of 8 per cent
per annum, and a dividend of 11
0.85 per share on ordinary shares
out of the profits for the year
ended December 31.

SPANISH POLITICS.**WHY FOREIGN MINISTER
RESIGNED.**

Madrid, Feb. 21.
It is semi-officially stated that the
resignation of Sr. Yanguas was due
to divergence of views with regard
to the methods to be followed in
the negotiations with regard to
Morocco.—Reuter.
[An earlier message stated—
Sr. Yanguas, Foreign Minister, has
resigned and General Primo de
Rivera has assumed the portfolio.]

STEAMBOAT CO.

SUGGESTIONS AT ANNUAL MEETING.

HELP FROM GOVERNMENT.

How the fleet had carried on at a loss, in the interests of the company; a definite promise of help by the Government; and a hint that a scheme is in hand to place more modern steamers on the Macao run—such proposals needing to be "placed before shareholders for discussion"—were the main features of the chairman's speech to-day at the annual meeting of the Hong Kong, Canton and Macao Steamboat Co., Ltd. (held in the company's office).

In seconding the adoption of the report and accounts, Mr. Li Tse-fong made a fairly lengthy speech in which requests were made for information and a number of suggestions were offered.

The attendance comprised:—Mr. T. G. Weill (Chairman), Sir Robert Ho Tung, the Hon. Mr. A. O. Lang, Mr. J. M. Alves, Mr. H. Staples Smith (directors), Mr. John Arnold (secretary), Mr. W. E. L. Shenon (the company's solicitor) and the following shareholders:—Messrs. Lo Kai-hong, Cheng Ching-po, W. G. Joseph, Paul Lander, C. Bernard Brown, Li Tse-fong, S. Dumenberg, G. Kitchen, C. A. Peel, J. Owen Hughes.

CHAIRMAN'S SPEECH.

Promise of Government Help for Company.

The secretary read the convening notice. After the customary introduction to his review, the chairman said:

It is with deep regret that I have to record the death of two members of the Board during the year—the Hon. Mr. P. H. Holyoak and Captain W. E. Clarke. Mr. Holyoak had been a director since 1914 while Captain Clarke's connection with the company extended over a period of 49½ years.

In the Colony's interests, when addressing you last year the chairman struck a note of warning and expressed the opinion that unless there was an early improvement in trading conditions figures in respect of 1926 would leave much to be desired. The improvement, however, was long delayed and under the circumstances you were not doubt prepared for the disappointing result of the year's working.

Communication with Canton was maintained throughout the year by a daily service operated in conjunction with the China Navigation Co., s.s. "Fatsan," but unfortunately, as was to be expected, the result was not altogether satisfactory. Your directors, however, after careful consideration decided that it was in the best interest of all concerned to carry on a restricted service, having regard also to the Colony's requirements, and I feel confident shareholders will endorse the policy.

Working Quite Satisfactorily. Towards the latter part of the year it was possible to recommence a full schedule of sailings and you will be pleased to learn that so far the arrangement is working quite satisfactorily.

Had it been decided to lay up the fleet, depreciation of vessels would have been practically on the same scale as when in commission, and as we were expecting from day to day to resume a full service I am sure you will agree that it would have been short sighted policy to have impaired our organisation by dismissing officers whom it would be difficult to replace at short notice.

Application for Compensation. The possibility of receiving financial assistance from the Government was mentioned in the speech from the chair last year and I am happy to state that a definite promise of support has been received from His Majesty's Government, and though negotiations are still pending, I have reason to believe that in view of the services rendered to the Colony your application for further compensation will be favourably considered by the local authorities.

The net loss for 1926, after providing \$119,971.95 for depreciation, amounts to \$305,449.90 against which you will note that a sum of \$40,000 has been transferred from Depreciation Fund to the credit of Profit and Loss Account. After deducting the amount brought forward from the previous year as well as interest on investments etc., there remains a balance at debit of \$246,985.33, which your directors recommend should be carried forward.

Confidence in Future. You will notice that certain alterations have been made in the Balance Sheet, an improvement which will no doubt appeal to shareholders.

We have effected economies in many directions, the result of which will be reflected in future Balance Sheets.

Conditions continue abnormal and it is impossible to foretell what the future may have in store, but I am by no means pessimistic and feel confident that with the turn of the tide our company with an up-to-date fleet of steamers will regain its former position on the River.

Expansion for Macao? Before bringing my remarks to a close I desire to record that your

directors are alive to the possibilities of increased trade with the neighbouring Colony of Macao and as the harbour works there are now nearing completion it would be unwise to ignore the necessity of placing faster and more modern steamers on the run. In that connection certain proposals have been made to the board, and when something of a more definite nature is forthcoming the scheme will be placed before shareholders for discussion.

I have no further comments to make, and I therefore beg to propose the adoption of the report and accounts as presented. When this has been seconded I shall be pleased to answer to the best of my ability any question in connection therewith which shareholders may wish to ask.

WORKING COSTS.

"Shipping Firm as General Agents."

Mr. Li Tse-fong said:—In rising to second the report and accounts for the year 1926, I am sure I shall be voicing the opinion of all shareholders in sharing with the directors their regret for the loss last year of two members of the board in the persons of the Hon. Mr. Holyoak, and Captain Clarke.

I have perused with care the Balance Sheet which we are called upon to adopt to-day and I compliment you on the changes in the manner of setting out the accounts which I agree with you the shareholders will appreciate. I might add, not only the shareholders, but all the members of the staff will view with satisfaction the specific allocation of certain assets to the Pension, Provident and Superannuation Funds.

Fleet and the Office. This is as it should be, Mr. Chairman, but I would invite a declaration by you that the investments under head to the Bank do allocation of certain assets to the Trust Funds just mentioned.

I confess, however, to a wish for more details in the Profit & Loss Account, for instance by the separation of the item "Loss on steamers working" into two parts, that relating solely to the operation of our fleet, and the other part to the expenses incurred in running the office. It is under the last head, I presume, Mr. Chairman, you refer to when you mention the economies which have been effected and I would like to encourage the directors in the policy.

Unwarranted Lavishness. There is an impression abroad that the administration of this company has been accompanied by a certain lavishness particularly in the members of the staff which the nature of the business does not warrant.

We are in the comfortable position of having been relieved from the greatest part of the administration by a "farmer" who to all intents and purposes has chartered our ships, except as to first class passengers. I speak subject to correction, but it appears to me that for the work that has to be done we are paying very expensively, possibly to about \$60,000 per annum which is 40 per cent. of the loss on working.

How to Save \$30,000. I would suggest, Mr. Chairman, that the board should not be content with minor economies, but should consider seriously a drastic reduction in expenses which should be the keynote of the administration and I would recommend for your consideration the appointment of a shipping firm as General Agents as a first step towards this end. I think an appointment of this nature will result in a saving to the company of \$30,000 per annum, representing a dividend of 2½ per cent on its capital.

Although the directors are to be congratulated on their policy of re-establishing communications with Canton in circumstances of great difficulty, I do not think the company which is after all a private undertaking, should be left to bear the brunt of the heavy loss entailed in continuing a service not only for the benefit of Hong Kong generally, but also in the interests of the flag which is would respectfully say is the business of His Majesty's Government.

No Profits Out of Boycott.

I welcome, therefore, your statement corroborating the statement made by your predecessor, that financial assistance will be forthcoming from the Imperial authorities and I trust that this will also be followed by compensation from the Hong Kong Government.

I feel, Mr. Chairman, that you and your colleagues will agree with me that the company does not wish to make profits out of the boycott but desires only to recover such compensation from the Home and Local Governments as would cover the loss resulting from operating their steamers instead of laying them up in common with other shipowners whose interests are solely commercial.

Substantial Compensation. I trust, Mr. Chairman, you will be able to show in the accounts for the current year the receipt of a substantial sum for compensation which will reduce the adverse balance we are carrying forward from last year.

Before concluding I would like to record with pleasure your statement that proposals have been made to the board with regard to faster and modern steamers for the run to Macao; the statement will be

practising to the travelling public in Hong Kong and in Macao and we hope the scheme will be put in hand at once.

Mr. Chairman, I beg to second the adoption of the report and accounts.

CHAIRMAN'S REPLY.

Consideration for "Constructive Suggestions."

No other question was put and in replying to Mr. Li Tse-fong, Mr. Weill said that the Floating Staff Pension Fund and the Provident Fund are both operated under a trustee but the Superannuation Fund is more in the shape of a reserve drawn from the profits of the company. We have shares which represent more than the total value of these three funds on deposit with the Bank and these shares are entirely distinct from those which are being used as security for the Bank overdraft.

"I do not know where Mr. Li Tse-fong got his figures as regards administration expenses but on behalf of the board I take this opportunity of thanking him for the constructive suggestions offered which will receive the earnest consideration of the board."

OTHER BUSINESS.

The adopting of the report and accounts was then carried unanimously.

Other business transacted by the meeting was as follows:—

Re-election of Sir Robert Ho Tung and Mr. H. Staples Smith as directors—proposed by Mr. W. G. Joseph, seconded by Mr. O. Kitchen.

Re-election of Messrs. Linstead & Davis and Messrs. Lowe, Bingham & Matthews as auditors for 1927 at a fee of \$1,000 each—proposed by Mr. C. A. Peel, seconded by Mr. Lo Kai-hong.

TERRIBLE DEATH.

NINE CUTS NEEDED FOR BEHEADAL.

MARTIAL LAW VICTIM.

Wush, Feb. 14.

An unfortunate victim of martial law was seen going to his death on Saturday. This man, with six others, is said to have deserted from the army and gone to looting. He was condemned to death and was beheaded, on the open ground near the railway station.

On leaving the station at noon only the usual number of people were to be seen. Five minutes later the road, for a quarter of a mile, was absolutely blocked by a crowd, which was being added to from every doorway and alleyway. It was a remarkable demonstration of the rapidity with which a crowd of people may gather; and one knows only too well how quickly such a crowd may become a mob.

The man executed had a terrible time of it. His executioner, who was to decapitate him, made three cuts with his sword and failed to accomplish his purpose. The victim then exclaimed, "What knife is this! What knife is this! How dull it is!" and began to curse the headsmen. It took six more strokes before the head rolled off. The local paper this morning exclaims that it was never heard of formerly that nine blows were necessary to sever one head.—"North China Daily News" Correspondent.

REFORM IN KENYA.

HOPES FOR AN ELECTED MAJORITY.

Nairobi, January 20.—Sir Edward Grigg, Governor of Kenya Colony, left Nairobi to-day en route for England.

It is now fairly certain, as a result of recent speeches by candidates in connection with the forthcoming elections, that one of the chief subjects for discussion between Sir Edward Grigg and the Colonial Office will be the question of an elected majority in the Legislature.

The leaders of the settler community are confident this will be agreed to.

"MINNESOTA" DUE TO-MORROW.

The s.s. "Minnesota," with 1,000 marines aboard is due to arrive in Hong Kong to-morrow. The ship has made good time, the scheduled time of arrival being the end of the week.

Four cases of notifiable disease in the Colony were notified on Monday as follows:—small-pox, 1 from the city district, 2 from Kowloon (all Chinese); enteric fever, 1 British case from the city.

TRAGIC DEATH.

S'hai Russian Constable Arrested.

DENIAL BY PRISONER.

Shanghai, Feb. 17. M. P. Parshkoff, a Russian constable in the employ of the Shanghai Municipal Police, was arrested at the Gordon Road Police Station at about three o'clock yesterday afternoon by Det. Supl. P. W. Reeves, Det. Sergt. C. B. Henry and three Russian detectives in connection with the death of Klavva (Clara) Belova, a Russian woman whose body was found in a creek off Great Western Road early on Sunday morning.

Accused, when apprehended by Constables, said "I am surprised. I know nothing of what has happened. I don't know why I am arrested." After that, Parshkoff was taken to Hongkew Police Station, interrogated, and after this was removed to the Amoy Road Jail where he is now being detained.

Parshkoff, who is about 30 years of age and about five feet ten inches tall, was formerly a wrestler and had been a member of Police for about two years. Although he was attached to the Hongkew Police Station, he was arrested at the Gordon Road Station, whilst undergoing a course in machine gun practice.

When informed that he was under arrest and formally warned, Parshkoff offered no resistance but denied the charge, saying that, on Sunday night, he went to bed at eight o'clock.

It appears from police investigations that Parshkoff went off duty at 7.30 p.m. on Sunday and resumed at eight o'clock on the following morning. His room companion, when questioned by the police, said that accused went out and came back at 11.30 p.m. in evening dress.

The Plaster Casts. Investigations revealed that Parshkoff owned a motor car, a closed Cleveland five seater, but at the time the police found it, there was no number plate on it. The tyres of this were said to correspond with the plaster cast impressions of the tyre marks found near the spot where the dead woman was found, which were taken by Chief Detective Inspector Peck. Close examination of the interior of the car, showed that about 18 inches of the upholstery of the car had been cut out, together with a big piece of the plush seat. Inside the car was found a man's glove which is said to bear stains. There was nothing in the car to show that a struggle had taken place, but investigations revealed that the car had been washed by a coolie at the North China Garage in Nanziang Road.

This man did not notice any bloodstains but there was a lot of mud and the car had evidently been travelling a lot. Minute inquiries were made of accused's effects and the police found his overcoat on which it is believed there had been stains, the nature of which will have to be investigated.

Motor Car Movements. The police learned that accused had sold the car to a Japanese but, when the buyer was unable to put up the money, he sent it to a garage in Avenue Edward VII, whence it was taken on Sunday by accused.

Parshkoff will be brought before the Special Provisional Court this morning and formally charged. A remand will be asked for by Det. Supt. Reeves to enable the police to continue their inquiries.

At the post-mortem examination on the deceased woman yesterday, it was shown that deceased was shot with a .25 calibre automatic pistol, a bullet of this size being extracted. No pistol of this size was found about accused, and apparently

it was not a Municipal Service pistol of none of that size is provided by the police.

The prisoner, according to the best official information, is alleged to have met the deceased at some time between seven o'clock on Sunday night and 9.30, intimating to her that a party of four would be going out for dinner that night. Whether this party actually met is not known but evidence will be produced this morning to show that he alone returned to his quarters before midnight of the day in question.—It was 11.30 p.m. when he returned to Hongkew Police Station. The car, which is of American make, a Cleveland sedan, was identified by the police as being similar to that which carried the three tyres the imprints of which were left on Great Western Road after the body was found, being the same in type as the pattern which they have in their possession, a diagonal mark, a circular suction type and an odd semi-circular type which could not be identified.

The Mysterious Mischia. That the mysterious person, "Mischia," was in possession of such a car was established by the police. The first clue in their hands made clear, because of the tyre prints, that the person alleged to have deposited the body in the creek along Great Western Road possessed such a car. The theory of a hire car and a Chinese chauffeur was discarded and it was surmised that the alleged murderer, whoever he was had a car of his own despite the fact that three tyres of different makes were known to be of it.

Other information derived from sources which will be disclosed in due time, show that a person by the name of Mischia telephoned deceased before dinner on Sunday. It is not known that she left her room before 9.30 p.m., although it is believed that, about this time, she, in company with some person, left her residence at 79 Route Vallon, house No. 6.

Considerable Jewellery. According to police investigations deceased had considerable jewellery, the whereabouts of which have not been ascertained, although certain pawn tickets are believed to be in the possession of persons of her acquaintance or in her belongings. At times she has offered persons jewellery for sale at ridiculously cheap prices. It is not indicated, according to investigations, that deceased was in immediate need of funds but, nevertheless, officials are of the opinion that the motive for the alleged murder was robbery because some of her more valuable stones are missing. In her home very little, if any, of her reported valuables remain. On her person was found a diamond lavalliere composed of about 40 or 50 small cut diamonds surmounted with two half-carat stones and another probably double in value.

Shadows Before.

COMING EVENTS ANNOUNCED IN THE "MAIL."

Entertainments.

February, 22—Queen's Theatre: "The Mystic".
February 22—World Theatre: "Dulcy".
February 22—Star Theatre: "Devil's Circus".
February 23 & 24—Theatre Royal, Dance display by Miss Violet Capelli's pupils, 5.15 p.m.
February 25—St. Andrew's Young Men's Club hold first popular social, Church Hall, 8.30 p.m.
February 26—Dancing performance at Theatre Royal, by Miss V. Capelli's pupils, 9.15 p.m.
February 26—Smoking concert for members of the Kowloon Cricket Club, 9 p.m.
March 2—Special race week dinner dance at Regulus Bay Hotel.
March 3—Annual "At Home" of U.S.R.C., Club's ground, Kowloon.
March 12—Dance at Peak Club, 9.15 p.m.

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various missions, was killed several
coins were found in its body.On the occasion of the anni-
versary of the R.A.O.B. "Wellington"
Lodge (H.M.S. "Hermes") a dinner
was held at the Hotel Savoy last
week, attended by about 130
"brethren."Owing to the deaths of Lord
Bearsted (a former Lord Mayor of
London) and of Lady Bearsted, the
Lord Mayor's dinner to the Court of
Common Councilmen, at the Man-
sion House, had to be postponed.The Irish Free State, Canada,
Newfoundland, India and Ceylon
have sent many entries to the Empire's
Baby competition, which will
close on June 1.To give aid in motoring ac-
cidents a scheme of voluntary first
aid posts, 6 to 8 miles apart, on the
main roads in England, is being for-
mulated by the Home Service Am-
bulance Committee of the Joint
Council of the Order of St. John
and British Red Cross Society."A doctor or barrister is not
entitled to charge the wealthy
more than the poor," declared
Chief Justice Moore at Belfast.
A doctor had claimed 20s. a visit
from a patient worth £30,000,
but the judge gave a verdict for
18s. visit.A picture-mad 14-year-old
errand boy, who was charged at
Wimbledon with stealing 10s.
from his mother's purse, was
ordered not to visit the "movies"
for two years. The father said
the boy sold the baby's pram and
his mother's clothes to raise
money for the pictures."Bobbed at five means bald at
50," writes the Vicar of South-
sea, contributing to the contro-
versy on whether women
should lengthen their hair. "No-
body but a Philistine, will say
that woman's appearance is en-
hanced by shaving the back of
the neck," he adds. Meanwhile,
supporters of bobbing say that
the absence of dropped hairpins
has saved the lives of thousands
of cattle. In post-mortems at the
Veterinary College it was often
found that dairymaids' hair-
fasteners were responsible for
otherwise strange deaths.The Co-Operative Wholesale
Society's sales for the last half-year
were £38,420,000.The total expenditure on war
pensions since 1914 has been
£726,175,986, equal to £15 11s. per
head of the population.The Police have arrested six
Chinese in connection with an armed
robbery which occurred at Lau
Pui-lung village, New Territories
on Feb. 17.Missing his footing when dis-
embarking from the Macao steam-
er on Saturday evening, Mr. K. K.
Hung, of Messrs. Lam, fell into
the harbour. Fortunately he was
soon rescued and was able to pro-
ceed home little the worse for his
immersion.The verandah of the fourth
floor of the old Astor House Hotel
building which is being reconstruct-
ed, collapsed on Sunday afternoon,
and a large mass of material fell
into Queen's Road. Pedestrians
who were passing, were able to get
clear before the debris fell into the
roadway.Those who wish to give pre-
sents to the children taking part in
Miss Violet Capell's dance display
are particularly requested not to
send gifts or flowers to-morrow
or on Saturday but to bring same
along at the matinee on Monday
when the articles can be properly
handed up.A Gibraltar message says
that a fine feat of seamanship
saved Lieutenant Burgess, of the
British destroyer "Splendid,"
after he had been washed off the
vessel by a huge wave. Lieuten-
ant-Commander Fails manoeuvred
the destroyer to where Burgess
was floating, and, as the man was
being dashed towards the ship's
side, he was hauled aboard. A
ship's cook was also washed over-
board, but a succeeding wave
washed him back on deck.In most places the threepenny
bit is almost extinct (says a "Star"
writer). There are undoubtedly
many in circulation, but by a mere
dispensation of Providence they
seldom appear—in London at least.
To worry the harassed traveller by
tube and train. Not so in the North,
according to a correspondent. He
has just returned from a short so-
journ in the Scottish capital, and
there he met threepenny bits all
over the place. It may be that
though the Londoner "cannot be
doing with them," and promptly loses
them, the more canny Scot treasures
them in his waistcoat pocket.
But whatever be the explanation,
there can be no doubt of the fact.
The threepenny bit is a force to be
reckoned with in Edinburgh.The Hong Kong Jurors List for
1927 will come up for approval by
the Legislative Council at the
meeting this Friday (4.30 p.m.).In memory of the late Mr.
A. B. Elliott, Sir Alan Cobham's
mechanic, the Royal Aeronautical
Society is giving an annual
prize of £5 5s. for a paper to be
written by an aircraft apprentice
under training at the Royal Air
Force school at Halton, Bucking-
hamshire.The Australian Federal finan-
cial statement for the six months
ended December 31, shows a re-
venue of £28,087,000, an increase of
£2,042,000. The expenditure of
£13,892,000 shows an increase of
£1,810,000 over the same period of
1925 excluding revenue and ex-
penditure on business undertakings
and territories.According to the "Lancet," a
scheme has been established in a
Bradford factory under which the
workers pay 1s. per annum
each to ensure in-patient treat-
ment at the Bradford Municipal
General Hospital. It is actu-
ally calculated that this small
contribution will be sufficient to
meet the fees which would be
charged if the men went in as
private patients. The Health
Committee of the Corporation
have accepted the scheme and it
is hoped to extend it to other
factories. Indeed, it is being
proposed that these facilities
should be offered to all and sundry
at the same price. Dr. J. J.
Buchan, the medical officer of
health for Bradford, gives it as
his belief that sooner or later,
the public will ask for some such
arrangement.Male clothes, I hear, will be
brighter in colour this year (says
the "Star"). The well-dressed man
is rather conservative in his tastes,
but the tendency a West End tailor
informs me, is towards much gay-
er effects than those to which we have
been accustomed. Plain greys
and blues, it seems, are not
so popular as they used to be.
Brown mixtures, into which
are woven faint stripes of all
sorts of colours—reds, blues, and
mauves—will largely be worn.
Worsted are the favourite mate-
rials of the moment. Tweeds,
though they make up into the best-
wearing suits, are not at all popular,
and whelpords have gone right out
of fashion. One curious thing this
authority told me was that St.
Patrick's Day was once on a time
regarded by the tailoring business
as marking the opening of the sea-
son's demand for new clothes, but
since the war this has become
merely a legend.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL NEWS.

At the funeral of the Dowager
Lady Michelham in Paris the coffin
was covered with the Union Jack.Admiral the Hon. Sir Stanley
Colville, who was first the principal
A.D.C. to the King from 1919 until
1922 when he retired, has been ap-
pointed to the office of Rear-
Admiral of the United Kingdom and
of the Admiralty, void by the re-
signation of Admiral the Hon. Sir
Edmund Fremantle.Says the "Daily Mail's" gossip
writer: Prince George, after his
year and eight months' naval ser-
vice in China, is a little out of
touch with the newest dances, and
has yet to master the Charleston.
The Court, being in mourning for
the late Emperor of Japan, the
Princes are, of course, not dancing
in public; the other evening, how-
ever, the Prince of Wales, who is a
practised and accomplished ex-
ponent, gave Prince George a lesson in
the Charleston.Princess Beatrice, who is shortly
going abroad once more, usually
travels under the name of "the
Countess of Balmoral" (says "May-
fair" in the "Sunday Chronicle").
A few years ago, when she was
staying in the South of France, an
American lady who was staying at
the same hotel took the trouble to
search the peerage, and could, of
course, find no such title. She
went to the manager and told him
he was harbouring a barefaced im-
poster under his roof. When
blandly informed that the "Count-
ess" was a daughter of Queen
Victoria, and mother of the Queen of
Spain, the lady packed up her pos-
sessions and left the place very
quickly indeed!With the stage specially warn-
ed for him, Mr. Godfrey Tearle
returned to his part in "Aloma,"
the South Sea Island play at the
Adelphi Theatre, Strand, which
he was forced to leave a month
before owing to serious throat
trouble. The part allows only
scanty clothing, and Mr. Tearle
wore an extra piece of cloth round
his waist, but his legs and chest
were bare. After the play Mr.
Tearle was hurried into pyjamas,
over them ordinary clothes, and
an overcoat. Thus, grateful
against the cold, he was hurried
home, still made up as an islander
of the South Sea.Sir John Middleton, Governor of
the Falkland Islands, has been ap-
pointed Governor and Commander-
in-Chief of Gambia.Among the many passengers who
sailed for Manila yesterday on the
"President Jefferson" were: Dr.
and Mrs. W. R. Houston,
Dr. T. Nager, Mr. Utomai
Noromoni and Mrs. M. D. Lee.While hunting with the Alder-
shot Dragounes, Prince Henry's
horse fell at a fence, but the
Prince was unhurt, and remount-
ing, was one of the first at the
"kill."The death occurred from typhoid
fever, at the Government Civil Hos-
pital, on Saturday, of Mr. Wong
Ying-yuen, at the age of 38, pub-
lisher of the "Wah Kiu Yat Po" and
for over ten years chief storekeeper
of the "South China Morning Post."
Educated at Queen's College, the
late Mr. Wong was also once em-
ployed by the Steam Laundry Co.The present whereabouts of
Count Goran Henrik Hans Didrik
Falkenberg, a Swedish subject born
in 1904 is the subject of an inquiry
by the Swedish Consulate-General
in Shanghai and the Swedish Vice-
Consul in Hong Kong. He left
Sweden in 1923 and is known to
have been living in Brisbane, Aus-
tralia, some time during 1924. The
information is wanted, owing to his
being the heir of his late father.The funeral took place in Shang-
hai last week of Capt. James Arthur
Vivian Tyres, late chief officer of
the str. "Luan-yi," who died on
Tuesday morning of a sudden and severe
attack of pneumatic meningitis.
The interment took place at the new
cemetery in Hungjiao Road, in the
presence of the captain, Mr. W. R.
Elders, and other officers and en-
gineers of the deceased's ship.
Insp. Morgan, of the S. M. Police,
and Capt. H. MacKinnon, marine
superintendent of the China Mer-
chants' S. N. Co. The deceased
mariner was a well-known ship-
master in Australia, having the
unique record of being an exempt
subject in no fewer than 22 ports in
the Commonwealth. He was a na-
tive of Nelson, New Zealand, and
served his time in the old White
Star sailing ship, "Mildred." He
was highly respected by all those
who knew him, and the deepest
sympathy will be extended to his
widow and three children who re-
side in Sydney.The King is to become Patron
of the National Pig Breeders'
Association.Lady Rhonda has gone to her
favourite Pyrenees—to walk chiefly.
She has the simplest tastes, this
enormously wealthy and busy
woman. Her only other outdoor
pastime is swimming. She could
live a life of ease and luxury, re-
marks a Home paper. But fash-
ionable playgrounds never see her.
Politics, social work, literary ac-
tivities (she edits a weekly review),
and business (she is director of 25
companies) take all her time. She
considers the leisureed woman a
menace—and is challenging Mr.
G. K. Chesterton to prove otherwise
at a public debate at Kingsway Hall.
She wields a controversial sabre;
"G.K." a rapier. Mr. Bernard Shaw
presides.Capetown papers report that
Mr. John Galsworthy, with Mrs.
Galsworthy and some relatives,
are in Capetown, but he
is not prospecting that
country for material for a
future work. His is declining all
public invitations, and is working
hard on the last part of his sec-
ond "Forsyte" trilogy. Further,
Mr. Galsworthy is visiting South
Africa on a non-lecturing tour.
This is his second visit to the
Cape. He landed there in 1898
from a sailing ship, in which
Joseph Conrad was first officer.
He visited the copper mines at
Namaqualand, and afterwards
went on a shooting trip in
Kalahari.Mr. Ramsay MacDonald is the
victim of a mistake which is causing
him much annoyance. From all
parts of the country are coming
letters asking him why it was that
he was seen drinking six cocktails
at Bournemouth while the miners
were starving. The truth is that
he and two other Labour leaders
were guests at a small private in-
naukeon party at a Bournemouth hotel
during the Trades Union Congress
meeting. The host and two other
guests had two cocktails each on
the verandah of the hotel. Mr.
MacDonald had none, but, unhap-
pily, when the party went inside for
lunch the six empty glasses were
disposed of in front of where he had
been sitting. There, doubtless,
they were observed by someone who
went to draw the wrong conclu-
sion. The mistake is from
the fact that the glasses were
not removed.

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SPORTS SECTION

TRAINING TIMES.

Outstanding Ponies For The Races.

WHAT THE "CLOCK" TELLS.

[By "Patrol"]

With some of the leading local and Shanghai jockeys in the saddle, practically every pony in training for the Hong Kong Jockey Club annual meeting were put through their paces during the week-end, preparatory to undergoing the winding-up gallops.

Rain made the inside (training) track heavy and it should be noted that all times given below were on this course.

Chief interest was centred in Mr. L. Dunbar's string of four Derby griffins on Saturday when Mr. A. N. Dallas had his first gallop down here this season.

Opinion is now veering round about the four "Bay" ponies. Chesapeake Bay has done, compar-

COUNTY CRICKET.

New Points System in Detail.

RECOMMENDED TO M.C.C.

London, Feb. 21.

At a meeting of the Advisory County Cricket Committee at Lord's, it was decided to recommend to the Marylebone Club the following system of points for county championship matches:—

Eight points for a win in a completed match.

Should a match not be completed, five points to the side leading on the first innings and three to their opponents.

In the event of a tie or there being no result on the first innings, four points to be given to each side, provided in the second case not less than six hours' actual play has taken place.

When of less than six hours, a match is not to count in the championship, provided no result in it has been obtained.

Scoring by percentage as previously.—Reuter.

HOME SOCCER.

F. A. CUP: 8TH ROUND DRAW.

TEAMS TO MEET NEXT.

London, Feb. 21.
The draw for the 8th round proper of the Football Association Cup, to be played on March 5 on the ground of the first-named, is as follows:—

Chelsea v. Cardiff City.
Arsenal v. Wolverhampton Wanderers.
South Shields or Swansea v. Reading.
Millwall v. Southampton.

—Reuter.

Of the nine clubs left in, only one—the Wolves—has won the Cup before. Cardiff, Chelsea, and Southampton have been unsuccessful finalists.

ENGLISH LEAGUE.

London, Feb. 21.

In division I of the English Football League to-day, West Bromwich Albion lost to Cardiff City by 1 goal to 2 (at the Hawthorn ground, Birmingham).—Reuter.

On Saturday Cardiff were also playing away and they knocked out Bolton, the holders of the Cup.

INDIANS IN AFRICA.

GOVERNMENTS AGREE ON RECOGNITION.

New Delhi, Feb. 21.

The South African Settlement Bill has been tabled in both Houses. The South African Government recognises that domiciled Indians



Mr. M. K. Gandhi.

who are prepared to conform to Western standards should be enabled to do so while others can avail themselves of the offer of assisted emigration, subject to the condition that a three year absence ends their domicile.

The South African Government recognises the obligation of the education of the Indian community with the expansion of the native college and appoints a Commission to investigate conditions.

The Government spokesman in the Assembly said that the Government of India would ratify the agreement which was most satisfactory.

Gandhi informed Reuter that the agreement was the best possible as it transformed the atmosphere of South Africa from one of remorseless hostility to one of generous toleration.—Reuter.

NICARAGUA.

MORE AMERICAN MARINES LANDED.

Corinto, Nicaragua, Feb. 21.

Eight hundred and ten American bluejackets have landed, 400 of whom have been posted at Leon, 300 at Chinandega and the others scattered along the railway to guard the permanent way, bridges and waterbanks.

Admiral Latimer emphasises that the landing is merely a continuance of the policy of protecting the lives and investments of foreigners and in no wise a step to further intervention.

It is announced that the State Department's decision to land additional naval forces in Nicaragua was taken with the full consent and approval of the Nicaraguan Government. The opinion here regarding the fresh landing is that the Government is determined to permit no interruption of traffic or factional fighting for possession of the towns where Americans and foreigners are engaged in business.—Reuter.

MEXICAN INVASION.

Los Angeles, Feb. 20.

General Enrique Estrada and twelve of his followers, who were arrested on August 15 last on a charge of attempting the armed invasion of Northern Mexico from the United States, has been convicted of violating the United States neutrality laws by engaging in revolutionary activities against Mexico.—Reuter's American Service.

KOWLOON RESIDENTS.

How They May Help Association.

K.R.A. ANNUAL MEETING.

It is the aim of the Association to assist both the Government and the various Companies catering for the public needs by the local knowledge and experience that the Committee and the members possessed. Their position is not antagonistic but sympathetic and they hope by helping such public services to increase their utility and guide them to greater popularity and success.

This, in outline, is the spirit in which the Kowloon Residents' Association Committee goes about its work, as defined by the President and others in the course of the annual meeting yesterday.

The Rev. J. Horace Johnston presided, supported by Mr. F. W. Stapleton (acting Hon. Secretary) and Mr. J. M. Alves (Hon. Treasurer).

The Chairman, in reviewing the year's activity, said the Committee recognised that they felt their very honourable traditions, which it was their duty to maintain, and they trust that the reputation of the Kowloon Residents' Association has in no way suffered during the period under review. If the general sentiment of the public is accurately reflected in the local Press, we have good reason to believe that the K.R.A. enjoys to a marked extent the goodwill of the community. It is gratifying to read in a weekly publication (The H.K. "Sunday Herald") these opening words of the leading article:—"Of immense value to the community and the Government much could be written in regard to the Kowloon Residents' Association. There is not a topic of local interest that it does not tackle. There is not a grievance that it does not investigate. There is not a complaint that it does not probe."

It had been their endeavour to maintain the attitude which had been adopted by the Association since the time of its inauguration, viz. that of willing co-operation. It would appear that H. E. the present Governor, is prepared to follow the policy of his predecessor, who, when he landed in the Colony made this announcement:—"I have been accustomed to ask and to receive help and advice from any section of the community whose knowledge of the matter in hand promised to be of use to the Colony, and I shall continue that practice and in reliance on your promise seek co-operation in any quarter where it will be of service to the public interest."

"Not Harass But Help."

It was not the object of the Association to harass the Government or any public utility Company with complaints or vexatious demands but to indicate fairly and reasonably wherein and whereby they might, in the opinion of the Association, more effectively serve the public interest.

As evidence that this was becoming more generally realised, the Chairman instanced the action of the Sanitary Board in communicating with the Committee before instituting the cleansing of servants' quarters in Kowloon; the Police Department submitted proposed rules for the Children's Playground before they were enacted; the Colonial Secretary forwarded plans for the extension and re-arrangement of the Cemeteries in Kowloon and asked if the Association concurred. The "Star" Ferry Company likewise sent to us a sketch of their proposed re-arrangement of the Hong Kong wharf for our approval, and the final plan was the product of co-operative effort.

Referring to the change in the supply pressure of electric current, the Chairman said that the reply of the China Light and Power Company had been in good part and although the reduction in price had not been announced they had been given hope that an equitable adjustment would be arrived at.

Government Relations.

With regard to the Rents question, it must be remembered that to continue a temporary measure like the Rents Ordinance for an undue length of time was apt to interfere with the ordinary principles of justice. The Government had not agreed to the institution of a Fair Rents Board but the matter was evidently not closed by the Government. Consider that time must be given to allow rents to find their proper economic level."

Some other suggestions of the Association, continued the Chairman, had undoubtedly been rejected as the Government was trying to reduce expenditure just now to a minimum. Here, again, it was impossible not to sympathise with the motive. All that they could do was to look ahead, study carefully the needs of Kowloon and see that in the Government estimates the anticipated requirements of the Peninsula received the attention and provision they deserved.

The Chairman then proposed the adoption of the Report and Statement of Accounts for the year.

Mr. W. S. Bailey, in seconding, spoke of the excellent work of the Association and referred particularly to Mr. F. J. Easterbrook's scheme for improving the Star ferry approach. The year had been a record one in regard to achievements of the K.R.A. and he appealed to all residents of the Peninsula to join the Association in order that they might make this year even better than last (Applause).

The report and accounts were then put to the meeting and carried.

The New President.

As had previously been announced, said the Chairman, they had asked Dr. J. C. Macgown to become their President for the new year but Dr. Macgown was leaving the Colony earlier than had been anticipated.

Dr. Macgown then addressed the meeting and expressed regret that he would be unable to take an active part in the doings of the Association during the whole of the year as he was shortly going away. He had much pleasure in proposing Mr. W. J. Stokes as President. The Association could not possibly have a better man for the post. Mr. Stokes was an old resident of Kowloon and was an extraordinary keen worker on the Committee and various sub-committees on which he had served.

The Rev. G. R. Lindsay seconded and paid a tribute to the sterling qualities of Mr. Stokes who had been associated with the Committee for the last six or seven years.

Officers were then elected as follows:

President, Mr. W. J. Stokes; Vice President, Mr. B. W. Tappe; Hon. Treasurer, Mr. J. M. Alves; Hon. Secretary, Mr. F. W. Stapleton; Committee, Rev. Fr. Spada, Messrs. B. W. Tappe, F. H. Crapnell, E. Abraham, E. W. M. R. de Sousa, J. M. Noronha, A. W. Eastman, F. J. Easterbrook, W. S. Bailey, F. C. Mow Fung, J. M. Wong, J. H. Hunt, J. H. Donithorne, D. F. Warren, T. Arnott, C. M. Mannings and E. Cook.

Future Activities.

At the conclusion of the meeting, Mr. Stokes, the new president, thanked the meeting for the honour it had done him and outlined the spirit animating the Association which to the best of his ability he would see was maintained. He thought what it stood for was "Keen Rational Activity."

The Association knew no difference of race, creed or politics; its sole idea was to make Kowloon better than it was. He appealed to all members to make their friends aware of the Association's activities and the work it was trying to do.

A vote of thanks to the officers and Committee for their work during the year was moved by Mr. J. H. Hunt. For many reasons it was difficult to cultivate a strong civic sense in Kowloon and they were deeply grateful to such a body of men who had been looking after their interests in such a capable manner. He thought it behooved every resident in Kowloon to join the Association.

Mr. E. W. Gaubert seconded the vote of thanks.

Mr. J. M. Alves voiced thanks to the Rev. G. R. Lindsay who was shortly leaving them for his service and advice.

Mr. Stokes also spoke with appreciation of Mr. Lindsay's work.

Mr. Lindsay, in reply, expressed appreciation of the Rev. J. H. Johnston's ability of experience. Mr. Johnston, in reply, said the work had widened and deepened his interest in the community in which he lived and worked.

The death is announced of Mr. R. F. E. B. Foster, Additional Judge, High Court, Patna (India), of heart failure.

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LOCAL SHARE MARKET.

OFFICIAL QUOTATIONS.

HONGKONG FEBRUARY 21, 1927, 10.30 a.m.

Names.	Hong Kong Stock Exchange.	Hong Kong Sharebrokers' Association.	Share & Real Estate Brokers' Society.
T.T. on London	2 1/4	2 1/4	Feb 22 2 1/4
T.T. on Shanghai	78 1/2	78 1/2	nom
Hongkong Bank	1100 b	1090 n	1100 n
Chartered Bank	421 n	421 n	422 n
Mercantile Bank, A. & B.	431 n	432 n	—
P. & O. Bank	413 1/2 n	413 1/2 n	—
Bank of East Asia	210 n	210 n	—
Marine Insurance	74 x d	70 n	70 x d
Canton Insurance	660 b	650 b 660 s	\$650 b
China Underwriters	90 cts n	90 cts b	90 cts b
North China Insurance	140 n	140 n	—
Union Insurance	285 c	284 b	285 b
Yangtze Insurance	\$38 M. b	40 n	—
Fire Insurance	—	—	—
China Fire Insurance	200 b	200 b	—
H.K. Fire Insurance	615 b	615 b	615 b
Shipping	—	—	—
Douglases	31 1/2 b	30 b	31 1/2 b
Hongkong Steamboats	23 1/2 s	21 s	22 s
H.K. Tugs & Lighters	1 10 s	2 1/4 s	1 1/4 s
Indo-China (Ref.)	40 s	30 n	30 n
Shell Transports	98 1/2 b	99 1/2 b	100 1/2 b
Star Ferries	55 1/2 b	56 b	55 1/2 b
Water-boats	14 b	14 b	14 n
Refineries	—	—	—
China Sugars	22 s	21 b 22 s	21 n
Malayan Sugars	34 n	33 s	36 n
Mining	—	—	—
Benguet	1 30 n	—	—
Kallian Mining Ad.	38 1/2 n	42 1/2 n	40 1/2 n
Langkats (Combined)	\$24 1/2 n	25 n	24 1/2 n
do. (Single)	12 1/2 n	12 n	—
Shanghai Exploration	7 1/2 n	5 n	—
Shanghai Loan	7 1/2 n	8 n	—
Rauba	4 s	3 40 b	3 1/2 n
Tronoh Mines	21 1/2 b	21 1/2 b	—
Ural Caspian	8 1/2 n	—	—
Docks, Wharves, Godowns, &c.	—	—	—
H.K. & K. Wharves	112 1/2 s	111 1/2 b 112 s	112 1/2 n
H.K. & W. Docks	40 n	37 b 39 s	40 n
Hongkew	150 n	150 n	150 n
New Engineerings	15 1/2 n	5 b	5 n
Shanghai Docks	1102 b	102 b	102 b
Lands, Hotels & Edges	—	—	—
H.K. & S. Hotels	8 b 8 1/4 s	8 b	8 b
Hongkong Lands	56 1/2 n	55 1/2 b	56 s
Hongkong Realty	5 1/2 b	6 s	6 s
H.K. Territorial	2 1/2 s	2 s	2 1/2 s
Humphreys Estates	12 1/2 b	13 b 13 1/2 s	13 b
Prince's Building	89 n	87 s	—
Rural Lands	1 1/2 s	—	—
Cotton Mills	—	—	—
Ewo Cottons	7 3/4 s	8 1/2 b	8 1/4 n
Oriental	7 1/2 n	2 1/2 b	2 1/2 n
Shanghai Cottons (old)	7 3/4 s	53 b	54 n
do. (new)	7 1/2 n	27 b	28 n
Miscellaneous	—	—	—
Canton Ice	5 n	4 n	5 n
Cements (comb.)	8 s	7 90 n	5 1/4 n
do. (old)	6 1/2 s	7 1/2 n	6 n
do. (new)	13 1/2 n	1 n	1 1/2 n
China Buses	9 1/2 b	1 1/4 b	14 60 n
China Lights (comb.)	14 1/2 n	10 1/2 b	10 1/2 n
do. (old)	11 n	8 b	8 n
do. (new)	7 3/4 b	8 b	8 n
China Prov.	5 s	5 s	5 s
Dairy Farms	17 1/2 b	15 b	18 b
Der A. Wing	6 n	5 s	—
Hongkong Amusements	18 1/2 b	18 1/2 b	18 1/2 b
H.K. Constructions	2 30 b	2 20 b	2 1/4 b
Hongkong Electrics	58 b 59 s	58 b & sa	58 s
H.K. Ropes (old)	10 s	7 s	9 1/2 s
do. (new)	5 s	3 s	5 s
Hongkong Tramways	22 n	22 n	22 n
Lane, Crawford	8 n	7 s	7 s
Mackintosh	35 n	—	—
Nanyang Tobacco	19 1/2 n	9 60 b	—
Peak Trams (old)	15 1/2 b	15 b	15 b
do. (new)	8 1/2 b	8 n	8 b
Sinceres	9 1/2 s	9 10 b	9 n
Singapore Trams	13 1/2 s	9 1/2 b	10 1/2 n
Taxis	1 s	70 c b	65 Cts s
United Asbestos	—	—	—
do. (Founders)	—	600 n	—
do. (Ordinary)	20 n	18 n	—
Watsons	13 b	12 1/4 b	13 b
Wm. Powells	6 1/2 n	5 b	5 n
H.K. Telephones	3 60 b	3 1/2 b	3 1/2 b

* No quotations issued, to-day, being Settlement Day.

EXCHANGE.

Hongkong, 22nd February 1927.

On London

Bank Wire

On demand

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4 months sight

Credit 4 months sight

Debit 4 months sight

On Paris

On demand

Credit 4 months sight

On Berlin

On demand

On New York

On demand

Credit 60 days sight

On Manila

On demand

On Shanghai

On demand

30 days sight (priv. paper)

On Yokohama

On demand

Sovereigns (Bank's buying rate)

Silver per oz.

Bar Silver in Hongkong

Shanghai Copper

Shanghai Copper

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LONDON EXCHANGE.

Barley, February 21

Paris

New York

Brussels

Geneva

Amsterdam

Milan

Berlin

Stockholm

Copenhagen

Oslo

Vienna

Buenos Aires

Hamburg

Madrid

Lisbon

Athens

Rio

Santo Domingo

Santiago

Shanghai

Hongkong

Yokohama

Silver

Silver Forward

—British Wharves Service.

FATAL INDIAN RIOTS.

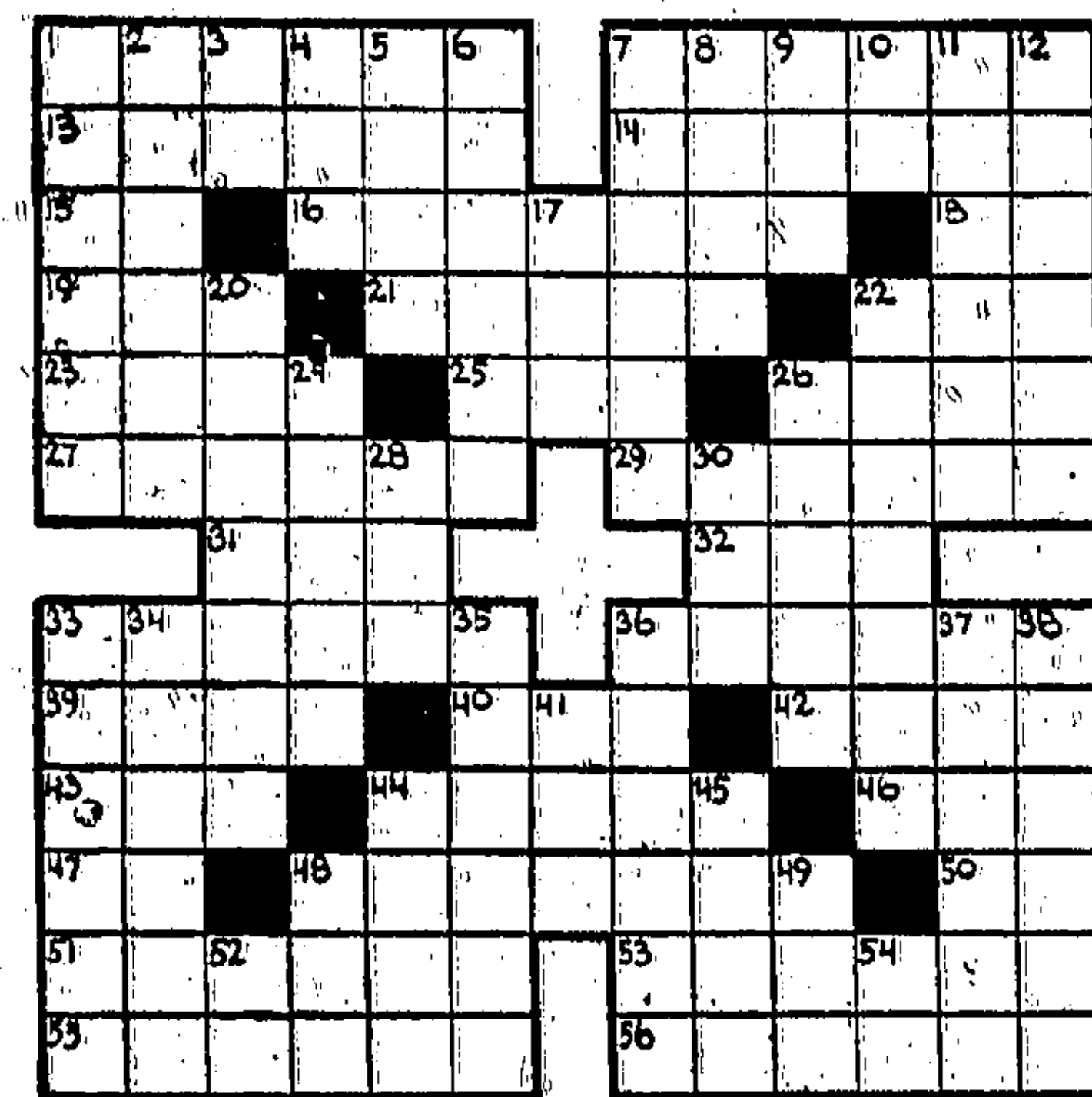
Bombay, Feb. 21.

As a result of the Sikh-Muslim disturbances while a Sikh procession was passing a mosque, armed police were called out. They fired on the mob. One Sikh and one Hindu died of injuries received during the rioting and one Muslim was killed in the firing. 22 injured, including six children, were taken to hospital. One Muslim was arrested. Order has been restored.—Reuter.

RADIO TOPICS.

DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE.

(This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert but our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic spellings, such as harbor, plow, and altho.)



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| HORIZONTAL | HORIZONTAL (Cont.) | VERTICAL (Cont.) |
| 1-Surrender | 42-Sand | 32-Glance |
| 7-Guides | 43-Porcine animal | 33-Period of time |
| 13-Banished | 44-Altitude | 34-Buying |
| 14-Is unable | 45-Mineral spring | 35-Shedding orbs |
| 15-Accomplish | 46-For instance | 36-Remove |
| 16-Climbing device | 47-Rubbers | 37-Twist dry |
| 18-Parent | 48-Jumbled type | 38-Before |
| 19-Corrupted | 49-Shooter | 39-Digit |
| 21-Tropical climbing | 50-Lodger | 33-Pays back |
| 22-Through | 51-Vipers | 34-Assented |
| 23-African river | 52-Cutting weapon (pl.) | 35-Poisoned weapon |
| 25-Boon | | 36-Come to a point |
| 26-Existed | VERTICAL | 37-Inclined |
| 27-Frightened | 1-Redouts | 38-Steps |
| 28-Strain | 2-Foreign | 39-Town in Prussia |
| 29-Black liquid | 3-Musical note | 40-Woody plant |
| 30-Lubricant | 4-Slack | 41-Believe |
| 31-Produces | 5-Water mammal | 42-Torned animal |
| 32-Beliefs | 6-Circled as a current | 43-Familiar name |
| 33-Eagle | 7-Landscape | 44-Saint Marie |
| 40-A legume | 8-Weed | 45-State of U. S. |
| | 9-Ensign (abbr.) | 46-More's title (abbr.) |
| | 10-Printer's measure | 47-More's title (abbr.) |
| | 11-Lasso throwers | |

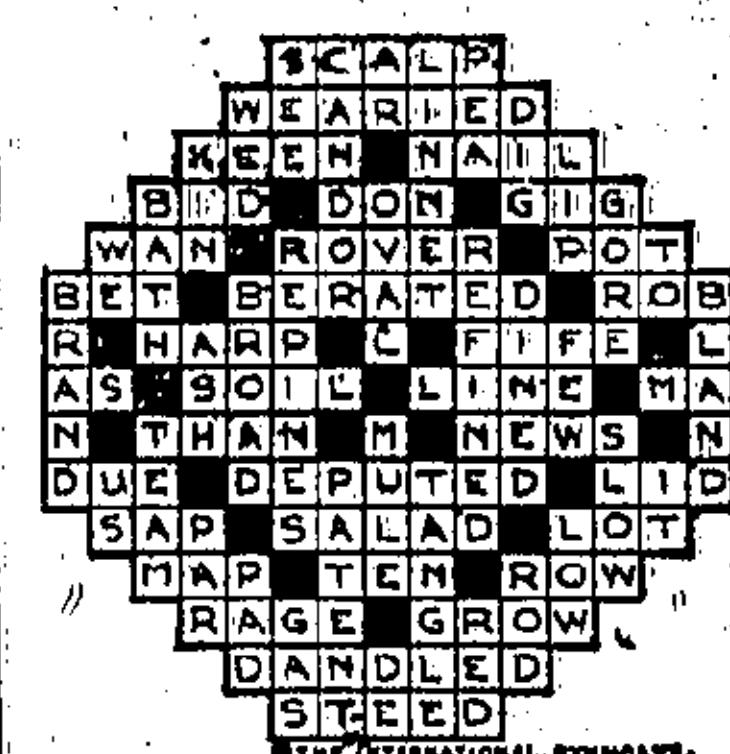
SUGGESTIONS FOR SOLVING CROSS-WORD PUZZLES.
Start out by filling in the words of which you feel reasonably sure. These will give you a clue to other words crossing them, and they in turn will give you a clue to still others. A letter belongs in each white space, words starting at the numbered squares and running either horizontally or vertically or both.

MOTOR-CAR WITH WIRELESS.

A motorist, who was summoned at Bow-street Police-court, for causing an obstruction by leaving his car unattended for two hours and a half, told the magistrate that the car always attracted a lot of attention because it was the first one to be fitted with a permanent wireless installation.

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HEARING BRITAIN.

SHORT WAVE FOR CONCERTS.

The erection of a short-wave wireless broadcast station is urged by wireless enthusiasts in Britain and the Dominions, in view of the successful results attending the use of short wave lengths in other directions, says the "Daily Mail."

At present listeners in Australia, Canada, New Zealand and other distant parts have little opportunity of hearing concerts broadcast from Britain.

It was stated that American broadcast stations are heard better in Britain than B.B.C. stations are heard in America, and two of the chief United States stations broadcast on short wave-lengths.

Permission for the erection of a shortwave station in Britain rests with the Postmaster-General, and the prospects of such a station have been widely discussed by B.B.C. officials.

Amateur experimenters have achieved remarkable results, using a wave-length of about 40 metres, and it is pointed out that a short-wave broadcast station, which could be heard in most parts of the world, would be a valuable propaganda agent for Great Britain.

Broadcast concerts have been relayed to amateurs 12,000 miles away by experimenters using a fraction of the power employed by broadcast stations on the standard wavelength band.

AIRCRAFT WIRELESS.

Telegraphists on Air Liners.

In order to bring into effect the decision of the International Commission for Aerial Navigation that wireless telegraphy instead of wireless telephony shall be used for normal communication between air liners and aerodrome ground stations, which was embodied in regulations which came into force at the beginning of this year, flying mechanics of Imperial Airways Ltd. are being trained as wireless operators at the Marconi Company's college at Chelmsford. Hitherto wireless telephony has been employed for the convenience of pilots, who have themselves been able to speak direct to the traffic control tower at Croydon or to the officer in charge of any other aerodrome.

With the increasing volume of air traffic, however, it has been considered advisable to relieve the pilot of large passenger carrying machines of this duty, and more code telegraphy is now gradually being introduced in order to speed up traffic and avoid confusion. To provide for this change the regulations lay down that all machines carrying ten or more passengers must include a qualified wireless operator in the personnel, who will give his undivided attention to the wireless service.

No change in the apparatus used on Imperial Airways machines will be involved, as the Marconi A.P. 6 aircraft set, which is their standard equipment, is designed so that it may be used either as a telephone or telegraph transmitter by the simple movement of a switch. This facility has always been available with this class of Marconi apparatus; but by using telephony it has hitherto been possible for the wireless service to be conducted by the pilot himself. Wireless telephony can still be used, when desired.

ANTI-COLLISION DEVICE.

Invention of a radio device to be used to prevent collision of ships during fogs and storms is announced by the Federal Telegraph Company of California. The sponsors of the instrument claim its value has been proved by tests by the United States lighthouse service.

The device, described as a low-powered automatic radio transmitter which sends out a characteristic signal over short distances, is for installation in pilot houses. Its signals can be heard by vessels within a radius of 10 miles. By use of a radio compass the exact location of ships sounding the signal can be quickly determined.

AUSTRIA'S PROGRESS

FIRE DEPARTMENTS AND TRAINS.

"The problem of establishing mutual radio connection between the head station of a fire brigade and the fire engines while on the move has been solved for the first time by the fire brigade of the city of Vienna," Herr Anton Wagner, the commander of this institution, informed a representative of "The Christian Science Monitor." "We have been carrying on experiments from March 1923 until last August, when we obtained, at last, satisfactory results by the application of short waves measuring from 30 to 60 metres instead of the wave-lengths used at former trials which were between 300 and 400 metres."

The difficulty, if not impossibility of communicating with the firemen from the head station, once they had left it, had proved, it appears, a drawback especially cases where the fire broke out late in the night or in thinly populated districts at the outskirts of the city with scattered buildings. The introduction of radio service in all seven sections of the city fire brigade by fitting the cars with a two or three tube set of 20 watts each and a folding aerial will now provide for the necessary communication.

This enables each head station to ascertain in the briefest space of time whether and when the fire brigade has reached safely the scene of conflagration; the dispatch of supplementary crew and implements, if required; the return of such cars or implements as can be dispensed with, and the directing of them to some other place where they may be needed, and the redirection of the fire engines, if driving to an inaccurately given address, or the recall of the brigade, should the fire have been extinguished in the meantime.

Questioned regarding the introduction of this system in the fire brigades of other cities the commander stated that trials in Berlin and Salzburg, though carried on for some time with more or less success, had not yet led to the actual application of radio for fire brigade service. "But he hoped that the example set by Vienna would be soon followed by other cities so as to insure the utmost promptness and efficiency in this kind of rescue work."

Another progress made in the field of radiocasting here which focuses public attention is the equipment of express trains with receivers. The first concert given to railroad passengers proved a success as a result of which special radio cars were introduced on three of the most frequented lines; from Vienna to Graz, the capital of Styria, to Klagenfurt, the capital of Carinthia, and to Passau, the frontier station in Bavaria.

Each radio car accommodating listeners from all three classes is fitted with a seven-valve heterodyne set, especially constructed for this purpose, and an L-shaped aerial consisting of a simple insulated wire 17½ yards long and fastened on small wooden plugs along the roofs of the cars. It is planned to equip by degrees, all passenger coaches of radio trains with contact bolts and new headphones exceedingly light in weight.

It is worth mentioning that the good quality of tone, during the drive was only disturbed in tunnels. Among the sending stations heard, Vienna, Budapest, Frankfurt, and particularly Breslau in Germany gave fine programmes.

PIANO LOUD SPEAKER.

Improvement in wireless reception has been carried a step forward by a young London amateur enthusiast, who has invented an attachment which converts an ordinary piano into a loud speaker of remarkable purity.

The apparatus is easily adapted to any piano, and it is claimed that it eliminates the harsh, blurred notes, and that both speech and music are transmitted with remarkable fidelity.

The secret of the success of the invention is the wide register and the immediate expansion of sound over the full compass of the piano. The low frequencies which are more or less distorted on the ordinary loud speaker are rendered as natural as they are in the concert hall.

RADIO IN AMERICA.

FIVE MILLION HOMES EQUIPPED.

More than 5,000,000 homes in the United States are equipped with some sort of radio receiving apparatus, according to J. B. Hawley, chairman of the statistical committee of the Radio Manufacturers' Association.

The detailed table of statistics prepared by Hawley shows that while in 1920 only 37,000 sets were in operation, to-day the use of radio receivers is increasing at the rate of 1,000,000 a year.

Radio manufacturers' sales figures have leaped from \$60,000,000 in 1922 to \$530,000,000 in 1926. This figure includes not only money paid for complete sets but for parts and accessories used in building home made receivers or improving sets purchased from manufacturers.

The March of Progress.
The distinct trend toward the manufactured complete set during the five years covered by the manufacturers' figures is plainly indicated by the amount of money paid out by radio fans for complete sets and for parts.

In 1922, parts led with sales \$40,000,000, while sets trailed only \$5,000,000. This ratio was considerably cut in 1923, manufacturers selling \$75,000,000 worth of parts to \$16,000,000 worth of sets. The figures for 1926 show that fans have paid \$225,000,000 for sets, and only \$75,000,000 for parts.

Accessories, presumably loudspeakers, cabinets, tubes, batteries, eliminators, etc., top the price paid for sets by \$5,000,000.

The use of sets in the United States since 1920 has leaped forward as follows: 1920, 37,000 sets in operation; 1921, 75,000; 1922, 150,000; 1923, 2,000,000; 1924, 3,000,000; 1925, 4,000,000; 1926, 5,000,000.

RADIO CARDS.

New Use For Atlantic Service.

The "Daily Telegraph's" Wireless correspondent writes: This year for the first time in history Christmas cards have been sent by wireless. They have taken the form of autographed photographs inscribed with seasonal greetings, and have been flashed across the Atlantic by means of the new Marconi wireless photograph service, which began operations early in the year. Addressed to various prominent people both in this country and on the Continent, these novel wireless Christmas cards have in some instances been forwarded by air mail in order to reach their destination in time. A picture can be transmitted and recorded on either side of the Atlantic in about half an hour, which means that a photograph inscribed with Christmas greetings can be delivered in New York on the same day that it is taken in London.

So far only a few radio Christmas cards have been sent, but I learn that a record number of people are this year availing themselves of the opportunity of sending ordinary messages of greeting to all parts of the world by wireless. The cost of such messages is very moderate, it being possible to send Christmas radiograms to America for 3d. a word, and to the Continent for 2½d. a word. Another interesting use to which wireless can be put is in the despatch of flowers and bouquets to addresses in America and Britain. This is effected by a mutual arrangement between big florist firms on both sides of the Atlantic, who guarantee to deliver similar flowers to those seen by the purchaser at the address given. Instructions are sent by wireless, with the result that the gift can be delivered the same day at its destination many thousands of miles away. In the wireless age of the future the extension of these ideas now being adopted should deprive the thought of "losing the mail" of a great deal of its importance.

THE B.B.C. VIEW.

"Our correspondence shows that there is an increasing demand for classical music among all classes of people in all parts of the country," a "Daily Chronicle" representative was informed at Savoy Hill.

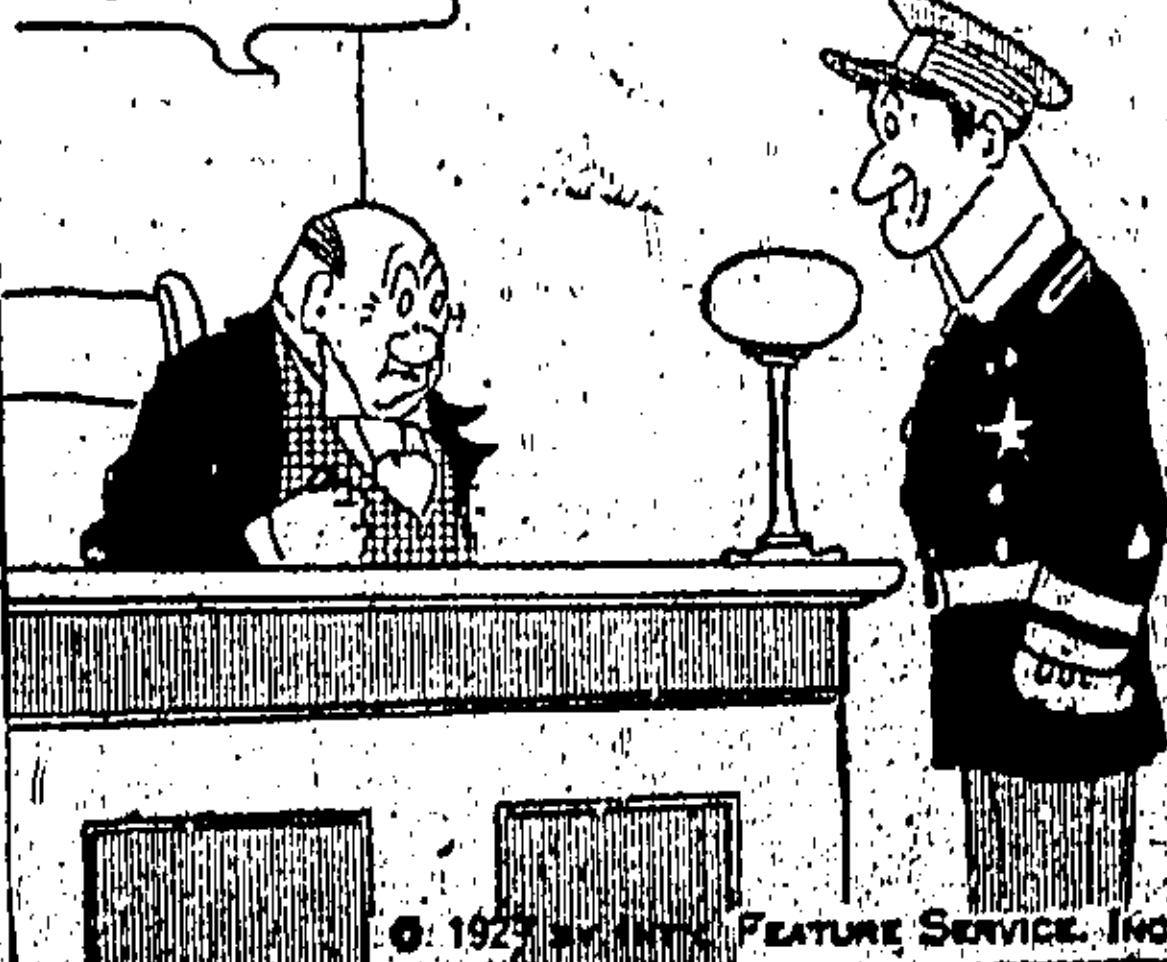
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THE WAY THE WORLD WAGS.

Mrs. Bridget Jones, aged 100, of Laugharne, Carmarthenshire, has died.

An oblong emerald, weighing about five carats, was sold for £1,650 at Messrs. Hurcombs, Piccadilly, W.

A large part of the village school at Feering, Tiptree, Essex, which was unoccupied at the time, was destroyed by fire.

The refusal of the Pullman Co. to sell tickets to Negroes was upheld by the Inter-State Commerce Commission, says a message from Washington.

Miss Gertrude Kingston, the actress, is to give instruction to women in public speaking at the Conservative Party's Central Office, Palace Chambers, Westminster, S.W.

Phillip Dakin, married, aged about 46, of Lime Tree-road, Matlock, Derbyshire, was electrocuted while working an electric drill at his father's monumental works in Matlock.

Professor R. S. Conway, Professor of Latin in Manchester University, will shortly leave for Harvard University, United States, where for four months he will act as Professor of Latin.

Mr. S. Brighouse, of Ormskirk, who completed 43 years as coroner for South-West Lancashire, when attending inquests in mining areas frequently joins miners at bowls.

Richmond police have arrested a butler named de Hondt, aged 21, who is said to be wanted on charges of stealing a motor-car from a local garage and forging and uttering a cheque for £10.

For the manslaughter of his mother whose throat he cut at her home in Parkhurst-road, Manor Park, E., Albert Greenway, 31, was at the Old Bailey sentenced to 15 years' penal servitude.

While playing football a Langwith, Nottinghamshire, boy, aged 14, was kicked on the ankle and was taken to Mansfield Hospital, where he was operated on, and died of blood-poisoning.

Mr. C. Nash, an elderly man, living in Edward Square, Copenhagen Street, Islington, N., while sitting in front of a fire in the house collapsed, fell on the fire, and was burned to death.

Hector Frank Hayward, entertainments manager to the corporation, was sentenced at Bexhill to 2 months' imprisonment with hard labour for embezzling £50 and forging an endorsement to a cheque for £3 3s.

A woman found dead on the railway between Billericay and Brentwood, Essex, was identified at the inquest as Dorothy Rose, Rushton, wife of Mr. W. A. Rushton, Brown Hill-road, Catford, S.E., who was married last Boxing Day.

Mr. Bernhard Baron, head of Messrs. Carreras, Ltd., tobacco manufacturers, who is 76 years of age, danced a one-step with Miss V. Dellow, one of the forewomen, at a factory dance at Olympia.

On the direction of Mr. Justice Acton at the Old Bailey the jury found Arthur Shillbeer, 14, not guilty of the murder of Albert John Hannah, 13, a Bermondsey boy, belonging to the "Red Hand Gang," and a plea of manslaughter was accepted.

When fire broke out in the basement of a house in Paris-gardens, Stamford-street, Blackfriars-road, S.E., Mrs. Shepherd, aged 73, and her grandson, Thomas Boddy, aged 19, were rescued from the top floor by the fire brigade and from the second floor a cat rescued her two kittens.

SCOURGE OF CHOLERA.

London, Jan. 23.
Great Britain's "weighty, world-wide responsibility regarding cholera" is emphasised by Sir Leonard Rogers, I.M.S., retired, who, addressing the Indian Section of the Royal Society of Arts, referred to the six great pandemics of cholera which spread throughout Europe from India in the 19th century, and expressed the opinion that this might recur at any time if nothing were done to control the spread of disease in India itself.

In this connection he earnestly appealed to the authorities of the Western United Provinces and the Punjab to protect pilgrims by inoculating them before proceeding to Kumbh.

"RAISING THE WIND."

During the trial of Harold White at the Buckinghamshire Quarter Sessions, it was stated in evidence that the accused had written to his wife, under an assumed name, announcing his own death and claiming the reimbursement of funeral expenses.

Primroses and violets are in full bloom in a garden just outside Market Drayton.

Viscount Curzon, Conservative M.P. for South Battersea, has been appointed London Whip.

The first consignment of early flowers from the Scilly Isles arrived in London in mail week.

There were only 44 cases for trial at the January Sessions of the Central Criminal Court.

"Tune and the Paycock," Mr. Sean O'Casey's play, was revived at the Criterion Theatre on January 24.

The Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress of London gave their juvenile fancy dress ball at the Mansion House.

An unidentified baby was found lying in six inches of water in a brook at Cardiff. An attempt had been made to strangle it.

Public schoolboys who have been touring Australia under the auspices of the School Empire Tour Committee arrived at Plymouth.

Jewellery valued at £2,000 was stolen by burglars from the premises of Messrs. Cornell and Higgins, Ltd., jewellers, Strand, W.C.

The first instalment of £125,000, in respect of the year 1926, due under the War Debt agreement, has been paid by Portugal to Great Britain.

Foot-and-mouth disease was confirmed on premises at Chalk, near Gravesend, Kent, the infected animal having been purchased in Derby market.

Mr. George Lansbury, Socialist M.P. for Bow and Bromley, has resigned from the Industrial Institute, formed by employers and trade union leaders to maintain peace in industry.

Large crowds visited Burlington House, Piccadilly, W., to see the 764 treasures of early and modern Flemish and Belgian art which have been gathered in the Royal Academy's galleries.

Particulars regarding the new type of insurance policy to protect authors against vexatious libel actions can be obtained from the Incorporated Society of Authors, Playwrights, and Composers, 11, Gower-street, W.C.



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THE WRONG SEX.

"When a mother wants a girl and gets a boy, or vice versa, the consequences are often most tragic," said Mr. Hugh Crichton-Miller, the nerve expert.

He said he knew a hopeless effeminate youth, aged 24, who was the fourth son of a mother who had wanted a girl, and she treated him as a girl. If some unfortunate woman married him she would realise that she had married a wife and not a husband.

Unwanted girls were more common, and consequently acquired a sense of inferiority.

Jeremiads do no good.—Dean Inge.

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Lord Penrhyn underwent a serious operation on Christmas Day at Wicken Park, Storr Stratford.

The deaths due to chest trouble of three children in one family within four days is recorded at West Hartlepool.

Agnes Pedley, aged 18 months, the youngest child injured in the fire at Birmingham, has died making the eighth death.

The Glasgow ambulances had the busiest Hogmanay on record, forty-seven persons being taken to hospital in thirty-three calls.

Arrested while begging for food in a Bath suburb, Ernest May, 58, was found to be wearing five coats, each containing a parcel of food.

Judge Ingham, who has been engaged on the Herefordshire circuit since 1892, is now senior county court judge following upon the death of Sir Thomas Granger.

Mrs. Catherine Wortley, of the Sav Mills, Crocombe, near Wells, Somerset, and Mrs. Hillhouse, of Park-lane, Croydon, have just celebrated their 100th birthdays.

"Lost Property," Mr. Ben Landeck's newest comedy, was transferred from the Everyman Theatre, Hampstead, to the Duke of York's Theatre, St. Martin's-lane, W.C.

Five Chatham residents were injured on the new London Road between Dartford and Strood, when a motor-car in which they were travelling skidded and overturned.

Mr. V. R. M. Gattie, the magistrate, has been appointed to sit as junior magistrate at Tower Bridge Police Court, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Mr. Waddy.

Bright sunshine, with intervals of sleet, hail, and snow showers, was general throughout England in mail week, snow falling as far south as Torquay and Paignton, in Devon.

Mr. A. J. Beard, who is 78, has just resigned after completing 58½ years as organist at Christ Church, Team, Staffordshire, his first appointment as an organist being at the age of 12.

Miss M. S. Hall, of Alton Cottage, Ross, Herefordshire, aunt of Vice-Admiral Sir W. R. Hall, M.P., and Miss Milfin, of Lansdowne terrace, Exeter, celebrated their 100th birthday.

The King and Queen have promised to attend a variety performance at the Victoria Palace, S.W., on the evening of February 24 in aid of the Variety Artists' Benevolent Fund and Institution.

The "Blue Train," the new musical play in which Miss Lily Elsie is to return to the stage, is to have its first performance in Britain at the Opera House, Manchester, on Easter Monday, April 18.

Mrs. E. A. Nicholls, aged ninety-six of Colchester, still acts as nursemaid to her grand-grandchildren, and pushes the baby-carriage for the greater part of the day without experiencing fatigue.

One hundred and four descendants, comprising three daughters, six sons, 35 grandchildren, and 60 great-grandchildren, have been left by Mrs. Rosanna Lack, who has died at Yardley Hastings, Northamptonshire, aged 83.

Earl Cadogan is ill in hospital at Port Said, but his condition is improving. Earl Cadogan, who was advised by his doctors to take a long sea trip, was adjudicated bankrupt in London on December 22.

England's oldest steeple-keeper, Mr. Joseph Rayner, of Gosport, Goswell-road, has celebrated his 91st birthday. All his life he has been connected with St. Andrew's, Holborn. For fifty-two years he was bell-ringer, and now superintends the bell-ringers and the work in the steeple.

LOST THE PLANS.

The loss of railway plans in a cab, in extraordinary circumstances, and the necessity for fitting out an expedition to Africa to replace the missing documents, is revealed by the death of Sir Francis Fox, who successfully undertook the task of bridging the Victoria Falls, on the Zambesi River.

Arriving in London after completing the survey of the great work, he drove to a restaurant for lunch and told the caddy to wait.

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LOVE IN LETTERS.

The marriage of septuagenarians is the sequel to the rescue of a schoolboy by his playmate.

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INWARD MAILS.

From	Per	TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 22
Straits	Kamo Maru.	22
Shanghai	Shantung.	24
Shanghai	Yingchow.	24
Canada, U.S.A., Japan & Shanghai	Empress of Asia.	25
Japan & Shanghai	Hakusan Maru.	26
Straits	Gambhira.	26
Europe via Nagapattam (papers only, London 27th Jan.)	Kanagawa Maru.	27
Europe via Nagapattam (letters only, London 27th Jan.)	Albert Voegler.	27
Manila	Pres. Jefferson.	28
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan & Shanghai	President Wilson.	28
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan & Shanghai	Pres. Lincoln.	28

OUTWARD MAILS.

For	Per	TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 22
Swatow, Amoy & Foochow	Hai Ning	4 p.m.
San Shui & Wuchow	Kwong Foon	4.30 p.m.
Shanghai & Japan	Kamo Maru	5 p.m.
Amoy	Anking	5 p.m.
Swatow	Yuan Jeng	5 p.m.
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius	Tingsang	5 p.m.
E & S. Africa, Egypt & Europe via Marseilles—due Marseilles 24th March. Registration (23rd) 5 p.m. Letters 8.30 a.m.	Demodocus.	—
*Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, B. & S. Africa	Panama Maru	8.50 a.m.
Manila, Australia & New Zealand via Thursday Island—due Thursday Island 7th March. Registration 8.45 a.m. Letters 9.30 a.m.	Mishima Maru.	11.30 a.m.
Swatow & Amoy	Van Hentz	—
Shanghai, Japan & Europe via Siberia (letters & postcards specially superscribed "Via Siberia" only)	Trier	4 p.m.
Bangkok	Klungchow	5 p.m.
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 24		
Hohow & Halphong	Team	10.30 a.m.
Batavia	Tjikarang	10.30 a.m.
Wei Hai Wei	Kueichow	2.30 p.m.
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 25		
Swatow, Amoy & Foochow	Hai Hong	Noon
*Japan, Canada, U.S.A., Central & South America, & Europe via Victoria B.C.—due Victoria B.C. 22nd March. Parcels 5 p.m. Registration (26th) 9.45 a.m. Letters 10.30 a.m.	Proteus.	—
Manila & Parcels for Germany via Howlung	Rchr	3.50 a.m.

*Correspondence bearing vessel's name only.

POINTS FOR MR. CHEN.

(Continued from Page 1.)

Replying to Mr. Looker, Sir Austen Chamberlain said that the new Municipal administration in the British Concession at Kiang would be similar in character to the proposed new administration of the British Concession at Hankow.

Hankow Private Property. Mr. Looker asked if the agreement at Hankow fully protected the rights of private property and the future position of the old staffs of the Municipal Concession.

Sir Austen Chamberlain asked for notice of the question.

Labour Ignorance. Mr. Rennie Smith (Labour) asked whether the arrangement proposed at Hankow would be applied in the case of Shanghai.

Sir Austen Chamberlain said that Shanghai was an international concession and many other nations were concerned, while the Hankow Concession with which we had been dealing was purely British.

Replying to Sir Kinloch Cooke whether he was satisfied the lives and property of British nationals in Shanghai were sufficiently protected in any circumstances that might arise, Sir Austen Chamberlain said that if Sir Kinloch Cooke meant in any circumstances which he considered to be within the bounds of possibility, the answer was in the affirmative.

Peking and Surtaxes. Replying to Sir Archibald Sinclair, Sir Austen Chamberlain said that he had no definite information yet with regard to what arrangements the Peking Government would make for the collection of the surtaxes.

He understood that the Southern Government disputed the right of the Peking Government to exercise authority belonging to the Central Government.

He had no knowledge of an interference with the customs on the part of Canton Government.

Reuter

TAXING BRITISH SUBJECTS.

Coming Negotiations With Chinese.

London, Feb. 21.

In the House of Commons, replying to Mr. Looker, Sir Austen Chamberlain said that under proposals which His Majesty's Government recently made to the Chinese authorities British subjects in China would be liable to pay such regular legal Chinese taxation not involving discrimination against British subjects or British goods as were in fact imposed and paid by Chinese citizens all over China.

It would be undesirable, in view of the fact that these proposals are intended to form the subject of negotiations with the Chinese authorities, to discuss the details in their eventual application by way of question and answer in the House.

Making Our Policy Known.

Replying to a further question, Sir Austen Chamberlain emphasised that Chinese translations of the British Memorandum of Dec. 18, and the treaty revision proposals were being distributed in China as widely as possible.

Mr. Looker suggested that the Cabinet resolution on our policy in China recently read by the Premier should also be translated and published.

Sir Austen Chamberlain expressed the opinion that it would be better to leave the decision in these matters to the British authorities on the spot.

He added that his answer had shown that they were alive to the necessity of making the policy of His Majesty's Government as widely known as possible.

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PLANES FOR CANTON.

Supplied By Power Outside Agreement.

London, Feb. 21.

In the House of Commons, replying to Mr. Herbert Williams, Sir Austen Chamberlain said that the Government's aim was to negotiate treaties with China on a basis which would lead ultimately to complete equality and reciprocity.

Replying to Mr. Garro Jones, Sir Austen Chamberlain stated that as far as he knew no countries which were parties to the China arms agreement of May, 1919, were supplying aircraft to the Cantonese forces. They were supplied by a Power which had not signed the convention.

Replying to Mr. C. F. Trevelyan, Sir Austen Chamberlain said that in view of subsequent events and the present situation, he had come to the conclusion it was not desirable to lay before the House the papers with regard to the War Incident at present. (Conservative cheers and ironic Labour cheers).—Reuter.

BELGIUM'S POLICY.

Foreign Ministry's Sensible Action.

Brussels, Feb. 21.

On the occasion of the departure to China of Baron Guillaume, Secretary to the Belgian Embassy in London, who is going to rejoin the Legation in Peking, the Foreign Ministry summoned representatives of the principal Belgian groups interested in China to which it explained the instructions it proposed to give the Minister in Peking which all approved.—Reuter.

SHANGHAI TROUBLE.

Strikers Mostly From Cotton Mills.

Shanghai, Feb. 21.

The strike situation to-night is not much changed. The strikers number 108,000, mostly from the cotton mills.—Reuter.

Defence Force.

Singapore, Feb. 21.

A Spanish cruiser and the British transport "Minnesota" and "Meganic" have arrived.

The "Minnesota" and "Meganic" are going to China.—Reuter.

Suffolks in Shanghai.

Shanghai, Feb. 21.

The Suffolks have arrived. They complete the Indian brigade.

A Japanese cruiser and four destroyers have arrived with 300 marines.

Three American destroyers are due shortly from Manila while the transport "Chaumont" is carrying 1,200 marines from San Diego and is due on the 24th inst. The cruiser "Hulbert" is going to Hong Kong from Manila.—Reuter.

Strikers Subdued.

Shanghai, Feb. 21.

Strikers this morning seemed subdued by the wholesale detentions of agitators or suspected agitators by Marshal Sun Chuan-fang's officials in the native city where there is a veritable reign of terror, dripping heads hanging from most gates. However, this is affecting strikers more than leaders who are mostly directing affairs from the Settlement. It is estimated that the executed number between thirty and a hundred. Refugees are crowding into the Foreign Settlement for safety. On the whole, there have been some resurrections and there have been many new minor strikes.

Minor Strikes.

Some 12,500 mill employees, mostly workers, have resumed; also the three departmental stores mentioned in Saturday's cable as having closed. On the other hand, 4,000 employees of the largest publishing house—the Commercial Press—walked out and the Chinese papers have suspended, allegedly owing to the strike. This is believed to be because of the fear that their news and comment would incur the displeasure of the authorities on the one hand, or the strikers on the other.

Rain Damps Ardour.

Attempts to call out the stallholders of markets in the Settlement have hitherto met with very little success. Buses as well as trams in the International Settlement, are gradually resuming. The most serious breakdown is in connection with the Post Office which still remains closed. The main building is still picketed by strikers to prevent clerks from working. Steady drizzles promise to keep down demonstrations.—Reuter.

North and Shanghai.

Peking, Feb. 21.

Yang Yu-ting, interviewed by Reuter and other correspondents

this afternoon, emphatically declared that there could be no compromise with the southerners till the Russian bolsheviks were eliminated.

If the Southerners attacked Shanghai the northerners would defend it. The Fengtien forces and the Cantonese will inevitably clash very shortly in Honan, Kiangsu and Anhui.—Reuter.

EARLIER MESSAGES.

Press Comment on The Agreement.

London, Feb. 21.

The "Daily Mail," commenting on the signing of the Chen-O'Malley Agreement, says that it is to be hoped that the Cantonese authorities will keep a stricter hand in Shanghai than they did in Hankow on mob looters accompanying their armies.

The "Daily Telegraph" praises Mr. O'Malley's praiseworthy patience and discretion and points out that the settlement made at Hankow cannot have the character of finality while the Shanghai danger overclouds the whole situation.—Reuter.

Coolness and Restraint.

Later.

Referring to the Hankow Agreement the "Morning Post" says that we see the value of our Expeditionary Force. The bitter anti-British propaganda, still proceeding, shows that we cannot take risks and cannot hope for agreement to replace the power to defend ourselves.

The "Times" is of opinion that while we must remain entirely impartial in the Chinese civil war our special interest (in view of the imminent struggle over Shanghai) lies in the fact that the entry of the Cantonese in Hankow was followed by a direct attack

Statement in Commons.

Rugby, Feb. 21.

It is expected that a statement will be made in the House of Commons this afternoon by Sir Austen Chamberlain, Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs.—British Wireless Service.

organised by methods which are

now initiated in the Shanghai strike. No doubt the British Government will continue to observe the coolness, firmness and restraint necessary.

Economic Weapon.

The "Daily Telegraph" says that the Shanghai strike is but a beginning, a flourish of the economic weapon which Mr. Chen declared he would be content to rely on to attain his objects. It will remain to be seen whether he is willing or able to confine the attack to that form of pressure.

The "Manchester Guardian" in an editorial says that Britain owes a deep debt of gratitude to Mr. O'Malley's persistence and tact, and is of opinion that Mr. Chen has shown that he is not merely a puppet in Borodin's hands, which is greatly to his credit and will considerably enhance his reputation in this country.—Reuter.

French Views.

Paris, Feb. 21.

"Le Matin" pleads for "Union" among the Foreign Powers in China and suggests that there are two alternatives, either that Europe and America must save the 300,000,000 souls from Bolshevik barbarism or the Soviet will establish a United China to be used for its own revolutionary ends.—Reuter.

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